

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Redmond 2050 Community Advisory Committee

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**Subject:** Redmond Growth Targets

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### **PURPOSE**

Staff will provide a briefing on how the City of Redmond receives growth targets for population and employment. This includes an overview of the county process, staff recommendations, and the timeline for setting and adopting local growth targets.

### **BACKGROUND**

Under the Growth Management Act, counties are required to work with their respective cities to establish 20-year growth targets and adopt countywide planning policies. To support the periodic review of the Redmond Comprehensive Plan (Redmond 2050), King County Countywide Planning Policies and growth targets are expected to be updated in 2021. This process is underway now, with staff and the county evaluating draft targets.

### **KEY FACTS**

The Growth Management Act requires counties and cities, at a minimum, to provide capacity to accommodate 20-year projected growth targets. Growth capacity is the amount of housing and jobs that could be allowed under adopted zoning.

The Puget Sound Regional Council's Vision 2050 Regional Growth Strategy calls for the 16 Core Cities in the region, which include Redmond, to accommodate 28% of the region's

projected population growth and 35% of its projected employment growth by the year 2050. How much of this share will go to the individual cities will be based on evaluation of the unique characteristics of each location and negotiation between the cities.

## **OUTCOMES:**

### **City of Redmond**

Redmond will use growth targets to inform planning for land use, transportation, and capital facilities. Recommendations about where to allocate growth, within Redmond, will be based on final growth targets, consultant modeling and analysis, community feedback, and conformance with the Regional Growth Strategy.

### **Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Certification**

In its review of comprehensive plans for certification, PSRC looks for substantial consistency of the plan's land use growth assumptions with adopted countywide growth targets. PSRC will review actions and measures taken in local comprehensive plans to achieve the regional growth targets. Certification is a requirement for jurisdictions and agencies that intend to apply for PSRC funding or proceed with projects submitted into the Regional Transportation Improvement Program.

### **Timeline**

March 2021: The King County draft growth targets will be available for public comment as part of the proposed Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs).

## **NEXT STEPS**

Staff is participating in the Core Cities caucus meetings and review of allocation methodologies. Final targets will be shared with the Community Advisory Committee, Council, and Planning Commission.

Attachment A: Growth Targets Presentation