



## **OneRedmond Advocacy Update Summer 2022**

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**At the local level,** the City of Redmond released their draft Redmond 2050 Environmental Impact Study for community review. OneRedmond staff did a thorough review of the draft EIS and gave point-by-point feedback for the planning commission and the City to consider. As a believer in the 10-minute communities, OneRedmond's primary recommendation was to ensure significant growth in housing and employment opportunities be added to the Downtown Urban Center. In doing so, this growth would be able to leverage the new light rail station; already existing walkable infrastructure and access to public amenities; and existing small businesses. In doing the so, the City would provide a variety of new jobs to the thousands of new residents already moving into the downtown area through current development. This action would also create additional vibrancy in the urban core throughout the day and into the evening.

**At the state-level,** OneRedmond was thrilled to be the host chamber for the East King Chambers Coalition Legislative Wrap Up. During the event, chamber members had the opportunity to meet with state legislators, while at the same time giving the local representatives a chance to debrief and discuss actions taken during the recent session. The 2022 Wrap-Up panel covered the topics of Budget & Economy and Housing & Quality of Life. Participating panelists were: Sen. David Frockt, Sen. Mark Mullet, Rep. Davina Duerr, Rep. Amy Walen, Rep. Tana Senn, Rep. Vandana Slatter and Rep. Larry Springer.

Just prior to the reception, OneRedmond also scheduled a handful of in-person tours and briefings at some of our most noteworthy companies and organizations including: Sound Transit, SpaceX, Stryker (fka Physio Control), and the Together Center. These Redmond-based organizations are shining examples of the world-changing innovation and public-private partnerships that come from this region on many fronts including software and technology, life sciences, new space, transportation, and affordable housing.

**At the federal-level,** OneRedmond was pleased to meet with U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) the Honorable Isabella Guzman to talk about the successes of our OneEastside SPARK program and the strong partnership we have developed with the SBA over the last two years.

In August we look forward to continuing our work with our federal delegation for National Startup Day visits. OneRedmond helps our congressional members in a variety of ways including identifying businesses to participate in roundtables, and supplying economic data surrounding the needs and opportunities for our region. As the only public/private economic development entity in East King County, we have been an ongoing resources for our leaders. Another focus for OneRedmond is to ensure the importance of our space and satellite industry

here in our region as there are more satellites orbiting earth that are made in Redmond than anywhere else in the world.