



## **OneRedmond Advocacy Update Fall 2022**

### **Executive Committee**

Michael Mattmiller  
President  
Microsoft

Stephen Uy  
Vice President  
Meta

Ryan Baumgartner  
Treasurer  
SCS

Tom Markl  
Secretary  
Nelson Legacy Group

Mary Morrow  
Past President  
Nelson Legacy Group

Mayor Angela Birney  
At-Large  
City of Redmond

### **Board of Director**

Vanessa Kritzer  
Councilmember  
City of Redmond

Barb Wilson  
Microsoft

Angela Rozmyn  
Natural and Built Environments

Dr. Eric Scroggins  
Banner Bank

Dr. Eric Murray  
Cascadia Community College

Dr. Amy Morrison  
Lake Washington Institute of  
Technology

Stephanie Lizza  
EvergreenHealth

Lauren Fode  
Overlake Medical Center

Andy Wappler  
Puget Sound Energy

Steve Yoon  
Mill Creek Residential

Clarke Jewell  
Olympian Precast

### **Committee Chairs**

Dr. Eric Murray  
Communications  
Cascadia Community College

Ryan Baumgartner  
Finance  
SCS

Tom Markl  
Government Affairs  
Nelson Legacy Group

**At the local level**, the City of Redmond released the budget for the 2023-2024 biennium. Click [here](#) to view the final budget. The 2023 budget was adopted on December 6th. Below are highlighted revenue increases that are in the budget:

- The allowed 1% real estate tax annual levy lift.
- Including an amount equal to 35% of the previous period's construction sales tax revenue as expected revenue. A conservative amount is used, since this revenue is variable, and construction is subject to broader economic forces. Revenues collected in excess of the budgeted amount will be used as contingency reserves.
- A 0.01% sales tax increase was approved.
- Increased fees for various licenses.
- No increases in utility charges, but King County is raising wastewater fees.

Over the next year, the City of Redmond plans to conduct a fee study. This study will look at the current fee structures in all City departments in comparison to our surrounding cities. This study should be an informative tool that can be utilized for future budget decisions and OneRedmond looks forward to following this study.

**At the state-level**, on October 10<sup>th</sup>, OneRedmond sent a letter of support for the Eastside Light Rail Starter Line, an idea first proposed by King County Council Chair and Sound Transit board member Claudia Balducci, to the Sound Transit Board of Directors and the new CEO Julie Timm. In addition, OneRedmond joined other community leadership organizations in drafting a stakeholder letter also recommending the implementation of the Eastside Light Rail Starter Line.

OneRedmond is thrilled to sponsor the City of Redmond Legislative Send-Off event in January, 2023 to celebrate the beginning of session with our state legislators from the 45th and 48th districts. This invite-only event will allow us to connect again with our community leaders and learn more about the legislative priorities.

**At the federal-level**, OneRedmond continues to connect with the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) to understand the opportunities for small business export assistance.

Early next year, OneRedmond will be coordinating with our federal delegation on a couple of events: one around the New Space sector; and another for our new "meet your leader" series for our members.

As always, 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 resource for our leaders.