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At the local level, OneRedmond's Candidate Forum was a success! Attendees had the opportunity to meet and greet with candidates running for office. The program featured the two Mayoral candidates and was moderated by Dr. Eric Murray, President of Cascadia College. [See the Redmond Neighborhood Blog's Video of the opening statements.](#)

The City of Redmond continues to focus on the Redmond 2050 Comprehensive Plan and the Zoning Code Updates, which has a new deadline of Q4 2024. OneRedmond is actively involved to ensure that Redmond 2050 supports the economic prosperity and smart growth for our community.

OneRedmond is planning to survey membership in the next month to get feedback on the issues our businesses are facing. For those looking to see our policy agenda for 2024, please go to the [advocacy page of our website.](#)

At the regional level, OneRedmond has been actively working with [the Bellwether Housing Project in Overlake Village](#), working to create a space on the ground floor of this building that would include a food innovation center, and office space for our community based-organizations. Most recently, the City of Redmond received a National League of Cities grant to help fund the development of this ground floor project that has the potential to be a regional center for small business assistance.

At the state level, OneRedmond convened our Redmond Space District companies along with regional partners to learn of needs and barriers to their growth in our region. The group identified a few areas of need, some of which included: State Level R&D Tax incentives for the space sector, and workforce support for our advanced manufacturing jobs. Industry-led advocacy is an option that is being considered for these efforts.

At the federal level, OneRedmond hosted a sold-out [Coffee with Leaders event at the new Rubenstein's Bagels with Congresswoman Suzan DelBene](#). Representative DelBene continues to be a strong champion for Redmond and East King County.

OneRedmond continues to help 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.