

Good Morning Mr. Governor, Secretary Bradbury, Secretary Edwards, and distinguished guests.

I am George Endicott, Council President of the Redmond City Council and soon to be Mayor for I am unopposed in the election. I am here on behalf of the City Council and Mayor Unger to support the adoption of the Proposed South Redmond Land Use and Management Plan.

First, I wish to address the collaborative process that we followed in reaching the proposal you see before you today. For years we have been meeting through your office Governor. Janet Brown helped us convene this group that includes, state Parks, National Guard, Department of Land Conservation and Development, ODOT, Deschutes County and the City of Redmond, BLM, the military(?) and recently the Division of State Lands. We work together to find solutions we can all support. This I, for one, am quite please with the outcome and the cooperation all parties displayed. Thank you for the state's involvement. We have a great product as a result.

A second point I wish to make is that, in our estimation, this plan meets local, regional and state needs. As far as we know, this is the only multi, large-lot parcel under single ownership available in the State. As you pursue economic development opportunities for the State, we think this site offers great potential for those needing sites that meet these criteria. We still need to urbanize this area via the land use process and develop rail and road access. We are asking that you give direction to those state agencies who influence or approve these projects continue to collaborate with us.

Mr. Patterson, the City Manager will offer a few comments on the way ahead.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer a few words of support.