

For Immediate Release—

Upon our dismissal from the Redmond Salary Commission, and after contacting legal counsel, we are working under the very real possibility that our dismissal was unlawful. The acts the mayor classified as reasons for our dismissal were inaccurate and not concurrent with the law. Thus, we are still the Redmond Salary Commission despite the instruction of the mayor towards her staff.

Understanding this, we followed the letter of the law and notified staff, the council, and the mayor on Sunday of our intent to meet today to finalize our recommendations to the city council on 6/8, which is today. The city's legal counsel did not respond to us until yesterday, and he repeated the same talking points we believe the Mayor has instructed her staff to use all this time. Our intent is to meet this evening at 7 PM in City Hall and hopefully conclude our work so that we can put the trauma the mayor has inflicted upon us and our families behind us.

We do not know why the Mayor has chosen to misinform the public about our work, attack us personally, or why she believes this behavior and leadership style warrants her a total compensation package double the size of the entire city council combined. We are open to discussing our experiences so the public can have a more informed view of these events after tonight's meeting.

Signed,

Karen Tennyson, Chair of the Redmond Salary Commission

Matthew B. Kanter, Redmond Salary Commissioner

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