

## If I Were Mayor, I Would...

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What would you do if you were the mayor of Redmond? The mayor is very important. They provide us with safety, essentials, affordable housing and more. They even make sure all of our water is clean, and makes sure trash collection and sewage is being handled properly. Previous mayors did a good job, but there are some things I would do differently. If I were mayor I would make Redmond a better place. I would improve the city's health, and improve our lifestyles. Not only that but, I would improve fitness, enforce the laws, and focus on education.

The first thing I would do if I were mayor would be to improve police forces. There are too many people smoking pot underage. I know many kids under 21 that smoke pot illegally. There are also people who just break the laws of the city constantly, and don't obey the city's rules. If I were mayor I would make more police stations, and have officers roam neighborhoods. One benefit from this is that the city and the stations can work together and get people on probation to help clean up the city. There is a lot of litter across the city. In general, this would improve Redmond's safety, cleanliness and make people follow the law. It would make people think twice before doing something, knowing that the laws are serious business and police are everywhere. This would also improve how safe people feel in neighborhoods during the day and during the night. Not only would this improve safety, and enforce the law, but it would also provide jobs for up and coming police officers.

The next thing I would do as mayor would be to start construction on a new gym. This gym would include a full size basketball court/gym, yoga and dance lessons, cardio machines, weights, and weight machines. I would do this because we currently only have a half court basketball gym. This would be fine, but there are always yoga and dance classes going on. This means you can only go for an hour or two before getting kicked out. Then if you try to use an outside court it will always be windy, which affects your shot. The outside courts also have double rims which also messes with your shots. Then, all our gyms are too small and crowded. There are always some people getting left out and not being able to do what they want to do. I would pay for this by public funds and taxes. The gym will pay for itself eventually, due to people paying memberships to workout there. We could even hold basketball tournaments there which can bring in a lot of revenue. We could hold summer basketball leagues to get teens out of the house and to make money. We could do a lot of things with a basketball gym. If we had a public gym everyone would be happy, and everyone could do what they want to do.

The final thing I would do if I were mayor is improve education. Personally, school is boring. We can fix this though. At Elton Gregory there are struggling kids, and kids that excel. The kids that excel need to be in more advanced classes. Kids that struggle need classes that help them understand the material. There would still be normal classes for the average kid. However you may ask, "How would we handle all of these classes?" This is simple, I would go to colleges in Oregon, Washington,

and other states around us and pick out, and talk to people majoring in Math, English, Social Studies, etc. that are interested in becoming a teacher. If they are interested I will throw them a sales pitch to come and work in Redmond. This may cost a little in taxes, but it will all be worth it when all the children get a good education, and we can further the chances of this city to continue to be in good hands. We need help in the education system no matter what.

Now, as one can see the mayor has many responsibilities. These responsibilities are very important and critical. If I was mayor I would handle these great responsibilities. Along with handling these responsibilities, I would improve Redmond, make Redmond a better, and cleaner city. I would improve Education by making more advanced classes. I would also improve the city's health by making a new gym everyone can go to. Finally, I would improve the law by creating more police stations. I would even recruit big companies to come to Redmond to support our growing city, and provide more high paying jobs. We can all further enhance our lifestyles, and make Redmond a better place. That is what I would do if I was mayor.