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**SEND COUNCIL TESTIMONY**

Dear Respected Members,

On behalf of the RCHEA Board and the Negotiating Committee, I would like to thank you for your solidarity, courage, and leadership by attending last night's council meeting. We had over 100 people attend (more than half of the RCHEA Membership). Your presence at last night's meeting made quite an impact and prompted the Mayor to finally engage the Membership regarding our attempts to settle a fair and equitable labor contract. I am attaching the statement that our President Denine Garrison read into Council Testimony for those unable to attend. Additionally, you may want to preview the speech on the "RCTV On Demand Website:" <http://www.redmond.gov/aboutredmond/rctv/ondemandcouncil.asp>. (I believe it starts at about 36 minutes and 50 seconds).

The Board was very pleased and energized with the support from the Membership last night. That show of support went a long way to demonstrate to our city leaders that we are united and committed to our cause. It also went a long way in validating the efforts of the Board. As we get closer to settling our contract, we will continue to require your support and shows of solidarity. We will keep you informed as to your next opportunity to help us professionally move forward our cause. Thank you again so much for your continued support and courage.

Respectfully,

Tom Barry  
RCHEA Vice-Chair  
Negotiating Committee Chair