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## Redmond OKs mixed-use building in neighborhood

*Zone change combines retail, office space and condos for building near Ridgeview High*

BY JACKSON HOGAN

The Bulletin  
The rapidly developing southwest corner of Redmond should become denser soon, now that the city will allow a four-story mixed-use building to be built in the neighborhood.

The Redmond City Council unanimously approved a

zoning change at its Tuesday night meeting — from general residential to mixed-use neighborhood — for a 1.23-acre parcel on the corner of SW Canal Boulevard and SW Badger Avenue.

The council also approved an exception to the height limitation for that zoning, allowing the proposed four-story

building to be 47 feet, which is 2 feet higher than the limit.

The first floor of the proposed, 6,200-square-foot building will house small retail spaces. The second floor will be office space, and the third and fourth floors will hold a combined eight condominium units.

Redmond senior planner Kyle Roberts argued this building was needed to meet the city's housing and density goals.

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## Brown gets pushback on plan to require proof of vaccination

BY GARY A. WARNER

Oregon Capital Bureau  
Gov. Kate Brown is getting blowback from political opponents who are leveraging the actions of her allies in an attempt to derail a new state policy requiring Oregon residents to show proof of vaccination at some venues and businesses with more relaxed COVID-19 rules.

Brown had announced the new policy earlier this month as a new way to build confidence in when and where someone might be exposed to

COVID-19, which has killed over 591,000 Americans since last year.

"This disease remains dangerous for those in communities with high rates of unvaccinated individuals," Brown said. "That's why I'm encouraging all Oregonians to roll up your sleeves, take your shot, and get a chance to change your life."

While Brown has framed the issue as one of public health, opponents say it's about privacy and personal choice.

The 23-member House

Republican Caucus wrote to Brown on Thursday calling on her to reverse plans for what they called a "vaccination passport" — a term popular among conservatives to describe the COVID-19 inoculation certificates approved by the Centers for Disease Control.

House Minority Leader Christine Drazan, R-Canby, and the rest of the caucus invoked recent decisions by two Brown allies: Washington Gov. Jay Inslee and California Gov. Gavin Newsom.

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## Blood moon rises over Bend



PHOTO BY RYAN BRENNECKE

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The full moon turns a copper red color as the Earth's shadow falls across its surface near the peak of the blood moon total lunar eclipse over Bend early Wednesday. Bulletin photographer Ryan Brennecke took this shot looking southwest from the city about 4:30 a.m. It was the first total lunar eclipse in more than two years.

## Estate of woman killed in crash will sue county, ODOT

*Nadia Rankov Adams died on Highway 97 south of Madras*



Rankov Adams was the singer for the band The Nomads.

BY GARRETT ANDREWS  
The Bulletin

The estate of a Redmond woman killed in a 2020 vehicle pileup on U.S. Highway 97 south of Madras intends to sue state and county agencies, claiming they have maintained a deadly intersection.

Nadia Rankov Adams, 52, was killed on the afternoon of Aug. 18,

when a semi-truck slammed into a line of vehicles traveling north on Highway 97.

The line was waiting for a vehicle to turn left onto SW Bear Drive, according to Oregon State Police.

In March, a lawyer for Rankov Adams' ex-husband, Ron Adams, sent a notice of intent to sue to officials with Jefferson County and

the Oregon Department of Transportation.

"My office is investigating the lack of action taken by the State of Oregon, which ... may have caused and/or contributed to Ms. Adams' death by not making the intersection — which has been known for several accidents, including multiple fatalities — safer to the public," wrote Jane Paulson, attorney with the Portland firm Paulson Coletti.

Under Oregon law, a pub-

lic agency must be notified of a person's intent to sue within 12 months of a cause of action.

A spokesman for ODOT referred questions to the department's attorneys in the Department of Justice, who declined to comment.

An official with Jefferson County's insurer, City County Insurance Services, appeared to disagree that the county should be involved with the lawsuit.

"It appears your letter has been

misdirected," City County senior claims consultant Kathi Prestwood wrote in response to the tort claim notice. "Accordingly, our Member is not liable in this matter and we respectfully deny your claim."

The crash that killed Rankov Adams was the third fatal multi-vehicle collision on Highway 97 between Redmond and Madras in three weeks, the Redmond Spokesman reported.

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