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Dear Neighbors,

Greetings and welcome to the Redmond community for the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Ananda Mela! Now for a decade, the Vedic Cultural Center has graciously invited our entire region to celebrate our shared values of respect for all people through arts, music, dance, and drama.

As the largest celebration of Indian culture in the Pacific Northwest, the Joyful Festival demonstrates the wonderful ways our region is enriched through inclusion. I can think of no finer way to bring neighbors together in compassion than sharing food, song, and dance.

Congratulations once more to the Vedic Cultural Center on your 10<sup>th</sup> year organizing Ananda Mela! Your commitment to building community and creating space celebrating the richness of the human experience highlights the best of the 48<sup>th</sup> Legislative District and Washington state.

Thank you and best wishes for the 2019 festival and the many more to come.

Best Regards,

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