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Sen. Ron Wyden Postpones Josephine County Town Hall Due to Protesters

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Democratic Sen. Ron Wyden.

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GRANTS PASS, Ore. — U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden postponed his scheduled Josephine County town hall Monday afternoon after a group of protesters disrupted the event.

The group of protesters were demanding he take action to help end Israel's ongoing genocide in Gaza.

The town hall was set for 4 p.m. at Rogue Community College's gymnasium in Grants Pass. According to a statement provided to NewsWatch 12 by Wyden's office, the decision was made by the college president after it became clear that "a dozen or so protesters would not allow the other 250 attendees to speak."

"Because keeping the audience safe at any of the senator's town halls must be paramount, the college president announced that today's Josephine County town hall was postponed," the statement read.

This is not the first time Wyden's town halls have been interrupted. His events in May 2025 and July 2024 also saw protests that disrupted discussion.

Wyden's office noted the senator has held 1,131 town halls across Oregon and said the forums are intended to give "every Oregonian the opportunity to exercise their First Amendment rights and ask him any question."

A new date for the Josephine County town hall has not yet been announced.