

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** August 31, 2021

**TO:** Stephanie Wright, Chair of the Snohomish County Council

**FROM:** Dave Somers, Snohomish County Executive

**RE:** **Re-Appointment to the Snohomish County Human Rights Commission**

I am pleased to recommend the re-appointment of Courtney Wooten to the Snohomish County Human Rights Commission (SCHRC).

The Snohomish County Human Rights Commission serves as an advisory body to the County Executive, County Council, Office of Human Rights and other county officers and agencies in matters concerning Human Rights. The commission consists of nine members appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Council. Members of the commission shall serve without compensation.

Courtney Wooten resides in Snohomish County. Courtney served as Chair for the 2020-2021 session. Courtney's leadership and partnerships within the community led commissioners to request and consider re-appointment. Working as a facilitator for cross-cultural dialogue for roughly 20 years. Courtney's background includes extensive experience working with populations who have historically been denied human rights and civil rights, and is committed to working for equity, justice and liberty for all as a lifelong mission. As an educator, helping to untangle myths about oppression and systemic injustice, working as an organizer, bringing individuals and communities together to care for and protect each other.

This nomination was unanimously voted by the Snohomish County Commission on Human Rights.

Pursuant to SCC 2.03.030, I hereby urge the Council's confirmation of Courtney Wooten to be re-appointed to the Snohomish County Human Rights Commission to a term ending on June 30, 2024.

Thank you for your consideration.