September 20, 2024

Mr. Dave Somers, County Executive Snohomish County Executive Office 3000 Rockefeller Ave., MS 407 Everett, WA 98201-4046

Dear Mr. Somers:

Subject: Snohomish County Boards and Commissions, Ethics Commission

I live in District 4 of the Snohomish District region and I am a licensed Washington State attorney writing to express my interest in serving on the Ethics Commission.

My background includes over 30 years as a General Counsel and corporate officer for U.S. and international corporations. More recently I transitioned into serving as an outside/of-counsel attorney for domestic and international entities in order to be more involved in civic/governmental boards and commissions.

From the age of 16, I have been involved in various federal/state/local boards and commissions with a desire to serve the community.

My prior experiences for serving in Washington State included an appointment by Governor Gregoire to serve on the Washington State Technology Center Board of Directors to promote technology transactions in Washington State.

In 2011, I was selected by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce and the U.S. Trade Representative to serve on the U.S. Industry Advisory Committee for digital/cybersecurity matters.

My years of service to our state included having served as an Accredited U.S. State Department Consular Officer for the Government of Latvia to promote business relationships between Latvia and Washington State.

In August 2024, I became involved with the Washington State Artificial Task Force's subcommittee for Government and Public Sector Efficiency which is being managed by the Office of the Attorney General.

As a General Counsel and Corporate Officer for various business entities, my roles have always included directing the ethics and regulatory compliance function for government and international programs.

I look forward to being involved with the Ethics Commission and will appreciate your support.

Regards,

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