

MEMORANDUM

Date: January 28, 2026
To: Council Chair Megan Dunn
From: County Executive Dave Somers
Re: Appointment of Murray "Skip" Ferderber to the Snohomish County Arts Commission

With the recommendation and support of the Snohomish County Arts Commission, I support the appointment of Skip Ferderber to the Snohomish County Arts Commission.

The Snohomish County Arts Commission serves in an advisory capacity regarding the uses of collected 1% for the arts funds and presents an annual business plan recommendation.

Skip brings a strong literary skill set to the Arts Commission. He served as staff writer for *The Los Angeles Times* as well as pursuing a multi-decade career as a freelance writer. Skip is still heavily involved in writing fiction and is engaged in civic events. If accepted to the commission, Skip can help with public relations, media, and drafting public-facing documents on behalf of the Arts Commission.

I hereby urge the Council's confirmation of Skip Ferderber's appointment to serve a first term on the Snohomish County Arts Commission. This first term will expire December 31, 2030. Arts Commission members are eligible to serve three consecutive terms.

Thank you for your consideration.