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**To:** Stephanie Wright, Snohomish County Council Chair

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

**Re:** Snohomish County Council on Aging

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I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Michele Blythe to serve a first term on the Snohomish County Council on Aging.

The Snohomish County Human Services Department, Division of Aging and Disability Services, Long-Term Care & Aging, is the Area Agency on Aging for Snohomish County. As such, the Long-Term Care & Aging unit receives and administers federal Older Americans Act funds. A requirement of the Older Americans Act is that Area Agencies on Aging establish advisory boards, which advises and informs their local Area Agency on Aging regarding the delivery of community-based services. Snohomish County Code 2.03 authorizes the County Executive to appoint and the County Council to confirm appointments to the Council on Aging.

The Council on Aging is comprised of individuals who represent various age, gender, ethnic, and employment backgrounds from each of the five geographic council districts.

Michelle Blythe resides in County Council District #1 and is currently a Councilmember for the City of Arlington. Ms. Blythe has an AA in General Studies, with an Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership (AWC), CBA Graduate School of Retail Banking. Ms. Blythe is the current State Council on Aging (SCOA) representative for the Association of Washington Cities. In the up-coming year, she will co-chair the legislative committee on the SCOA. Michele was the former co-chair for the Arlington Civil Service Commission and former member of the Executive Board of Directors for the Stilly Valley Chamber of Commerce. Since the COVIC-19 Pandemic, Michele has become passionate about being more pro-active regarding issues facing the Senior Citizens in our community.

Michele Blythe is not a member of any other County Boards or Commission.

Pursuant to SCC 2.03.030, I hereby urge Council confirmation of Michele Blythe, to be appointed to the Council on Aging to serve a full-term ending September 30, 2024.