



# Planning and Community Development

Ryan Countryman

Council Initiated:

Yes

No

**ECAF:** 2024-0217

**Motion:** 24-095

**Type:**

Contract

**Board Appt.**

Code Amendment

Budget Action

Other

**Requested Handling:**

**Normal**

Expedite

Urgent

**Fund Source:**

General Fund

Other

**N/A**

**Executive Rec:**

**Approve**

Do Not Approve

N/A

**Approved as to**

**Form:**

Yes

No

**N/A**

**Subject:** Board Appointment – Snohomish County Children’s Commission

**Scope:** Motion 24-095 would confirm the appointment of Carson Burley to a first term of one-year term as a youth commissioner beginning on confirmation.

**Duration:** One year, commencing on passage.

**Fiscal Impact:**  Current Year  Multi-Year  **None**

**Authority Granted:** N/A

**Background:**

*The Board:* Ordinance 85-060 established the Children’s Commission in 1985 as a volunteer advisory body to the County Executive and Department of Human Services. There have been some changes over the years regarding provisions for powers, duties, appointments, and terms. Current provisions are in [Chapter 2.410 SCC](#). Additional details are on page 2.

*The Nominee:* Carson Burley is a junior in high school, active volunteer, and resident of Council District 4. He writes that as “a child of a Navy Veteran who retired in 2019 out of Naval Station Everett, I would like to serve on the Snohomish County Children's Commission to bring a military/Veteran child perspective.” Carson Burley is well-qualified to serve on the commission. The Executive recommends his appointment to a youth position for a first term of one year.

**Request:** Move Motion 24-095 to GLS on March 27 for consideration.

## Appendix A: About the Children's Commission

Membership consists of up to 25 members which shall serve as advisors on issues of health, safety, and social services for infants, young children, and youth in the community. The commission shall advise the executive and department of human services on all matters related to the administration and enhancement of children's programs ([SCC 2.410.010](#)). Per [SCC 2.410.020](#), the Children's Commission has the powers and duties to:

- (1) Conduct public hearings to determine the needs and priorities of children ages 0-18 in Snohomish County as related to health, mental health, safety, and social services.
- (2) Hold community forums for the surfacing of issues affecting children's well-being and service delivery needs.
- (3) Report within a year and at regular intervals thereafter on the status of children's service needs and resources in Snohomish County; making its findings a written document on which advice and recommendations for future action and planning shall be based.
- (4) Advise county government on matters relating to the priorities, objectives, and tasks to be performed affecting infants, young children and youth.
- (5) Act as a resource center providing technical assistance to community-based organizations dealing with children's issues, assist in the development of grants affecting infants, young children, and youth, and provide input to local, state and federal agencies on these issues.
- (6) Act in an advocate role to public and private sector for the interest of children of Snohomish County.
- (7) [Perform] Such other duties as may be assigned.

The membership's composition pursuant to SCC 2.410.030 is to be as follows:

- 2 members under the age of 18 years old
- 10 at-large members
- 3 members from each of the 5 districts

Additionally, members shall represent one or more of the following areas: health and human services, education, business and labor, law and justice, concerned citizens, Washington department of social and health services, US department of health and human services, youth, elected officials, and minorities. The County Council may name an ex officio member to the commission.

Terms for people under the age of 18 are one year and for people 18 and over are four years. People may serve up to three consecutive terms. After serving three consecutive terms, a person may serve additional terms after two years' absence from the commission.