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TO: Council Chair, Jared Mead

FROM: County Executive Dave Somers

RE: Snohomish County Arts Commission Appointment: Maria G. Casey, (she/her) District 2 Commissioner

DATE: October 16, 2023

Recommendation

I am pleased to recommend Maria G. Casey for the Snohomish County Arts Commission to fill a vacant District 2 position.

Background

Maria's first term would begin upon appointment and expire on that date in 2027. She will be eligible to serve two additional four-year terms. A board member cannot serve on more than one Snohomish County board or commission. The process for appointment, terms and restrictions are codified in SCC 22 and SCC 2.03.030.

Selection Criteria

Several criteria are used to evaluate potential nominations for a position on the Arts Commission. Those criteria include:

- Creative medium (literary, visual, performance, etc.) to ensure well-represented commission
- Lived experience (volunteerism, on-the-job-training, education) to ensure commission perspectives are broadly informed
- Vision to mobilize creative expression in Snohomish County
- Areas of arts advocacy focus

Arts Commission Nominee

Nominee background, application and other information is included in this packet. I would like to feature some of the information that was submitted that encouraged my selection of this nominee.

Ms. Casey is visual artist, and art teacher with experience in television and print. She is the founder of the Fat Brush Art Workshop, a non-competitive art project where children, adults and people with special needs enrich their lives by creating art, located in Everett.

Maria has a degree from Universidad Femenina de Mexico, a Diplome de Maitre de Formation de Pebeo in Art from Provence, France and an MFA1. many years creating art and teaching diverse

artistic techniques to people from different cultures, backgrounds, and conditions. Maria has two certifications for Children with Special Needs from WRAP and NAMI. Her priorities for service on the commission are to promote art creation to benefit communities and individuals, and to promote understanding.

Her numerous community volunteer activities include

- Service at local food banks
- The WAGRO Foundation
- Keep Dreams Alive
- Connect Casino Road
- Providence Medical Center (Stroke for Strokes)

We believe her experience and passion will be a significant asset to the Arts Commission.

Conclusion

Pursuant to SCC 2.03.030, I am pleased to recommend the above appointment to fill the current vacancy as a representative member on the Snohomish County Parks Advisory Board. Thank you for your attention and consideration.

