

M E M O R A N D U M

Date: August 28, 2025
To: Council Chair Nate Nehring
From: County Executive Dave Somers
Re: Appointment of Keaton Branch to the Snohomish County Arts Commission

With the recommendation and support of the Snohomish County Arts Commission, I support the appointment of Keaton Branch 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.

Keaton Branch has a strong history as a working artist, both in the tech sector and music industry. His love of the arts and corporate organizational skills would be an asset to our commission, especially as we find new ways to tie art to economic development and tourism.

I hereby urge the Council's confirmation of Keaton Branch's appointment to serve a first term on the Snohomish County Arts Commission. This first term will expire December 31, 2029. Arts Commission members are eligible to serve three consecutive terms.

Thank you for your consideration.