

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

MOTION NO. 26-221

CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF KARL NIEMELA
TO THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Planning Commission is established and administered pursuant to SCC chapter 2.08; and

WHEREAS, Karl Niemela currently represents Council District 5 on the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, appointments to fill vacant planning commission positions are made pursuant to Snohomish County Code section 2.20.6 and SCC 2.08.080; and

WHEREAS, SCC 2.08.080 states that vacancies and reappointments shall be filled by the Council with nominees from the County Council and/or Executive; and

WHEREAS, SCC 2.08.080 states that it is desirable that the nominee has knowledge of a) land use theories, b) growth management and agricultural preservations studies, c) have a minimum potential for conflict of interest, d) have a demonstrated interest in the welfare of Snohomish County, and e) add balance to county-wide representation on the commission; and

WHEREAS, SCC 2.08.080(2) sets out the procedure by which the County council will hold a public hearing on nominations and make affirmative findings on the following; and

1. Is the nominee a full-time resident of Snohomish County?
2. Is the nominee not a Snohomish County employee except while serving as a temporary appointee?
3. Does the nominee have sufficient time to attend all scheduled commission meetings?

WHEREAS, Karl Niemela is a full-time resident of District 5, currently represents the district, has relevant knowledge, is not a Snohomish County employee, and has indicated the ability and willingness to attend scheduled commission meetings; and

WHEREAS, under Snohomish County Charter section 2.20 and SCC 2.08.080, Council member Sam Low has nominated Karl Niemela for reappointment to the District 5 position for a first full-term, to expire on July 1, 2030; and

WHEREAS, the County Council held a public hearing on June 24, 2026, to consider the nomination;

NOW, THEREFORE, ON MOTION, the Snohomish County Council finds that the nominee meets the criteria set out in SCC 2.08.080 and hereby reappoints Karl Niemela to the Snohomish County Planning Commission to serve a term, which expires on July 1, 2030.

PASSED this 24th day of June, 2026.

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Council Chair

ATTEST:



Deputy Clerk of the Council