

July 25, 2023

The Honorable Dave Somers
Snohomish County Executive
3000 Rockefeller, M/S 407
Everett, WA 98201

Dear Executive Somers:

Sno-Isle Libraries is governed by a seven-member Board of Trustees who set library policies, review and approve the annual budget, determine the general direction of the Library District, represent their communities, and advocate for the library district at the local and state level. Five of the seven Trustees are appointed by Snohomish County.

Snohomish County resident Kelli Smith will complete her second term on December 31, 2023. Trustee Smith has provided strong leadership while serving on the Board, including taking on the role of President in 2023. Her insight and engagement were key during the review process for the Library District's capital framework. Trustee Smith has demonstrated a commitment to the value and role of the public library, to the staff who provide library service, and to good financial stewardship for the Library District.

This year, we received 111 applications after the Trustee vacancy announcement. Eleven candidates were interviewed by the Trustee Nominating Committee, which included Board Secretary Paul Ryan (Chair), past Board President Susan Kostick, and Trustee Jennifer DePrey. Candidates were evaluated and interviewed based on:

- Demonstrated history of community connectedness.
- Skills, experience, or a background that would be beneficial to the Board.
- Commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion.
- Support of Sno-Isle Libraries vision and the principles of intellectual freedom.

The Committee identified Snohomish County resident Griselda Guevara-Cruz as their top candidate. Griselda is a resident of Edmonds and is employed by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction as Migrant Education Program Supervisor. Griselda is passionate about amplifying all community voices, is committed to intellectual freedom, and has served on boards across Washington.

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The Sno-Isle Library Board of Trustees requests that the Snohomish County Council appoint Griselda Guevara-Cruz to the Sno-Isle Libraries Board of Trustees for a seven-year term, beginning January 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2030, at an upcoming Snohomish County Council meeting.

Please contact either of us if we can be of further assistance to you in the process. Thank you for your consideration of the request.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: Griselda Guevara-Cruz Board of Trustees application

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