

MEMORANDUM

Date: January 19, 2023
To: Council Chair Jared Mead
From: County Executive Dave Somers
Re: **Appointment of Kyle Strand to the Ethics Commission**

I am pleased to nominate Kyle Strand for appointment to the Snohomish County Ethics Commission. Kyle will fill one of two currently vacant positions on the five-person commission. Per SCC 2.50.080, seats on the Ethics Commission are nominated by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Council.

The purpose of the Snohomish County Ethics Commission is to receive complaints of ethics violations and otherwise administer the Code of Ethics. Additionally, other duties prescribed to the commission include:

- (a) Act as the primary determining body for complaints regarding ethics violation;
- (b) Make provisions for the preservation of files, statements, correspondence and records of proceedings for a period of seven years;
- (c) Make provisions for the appearance and participation of complainants and respondents at commission proceedings, including, when necessary, the issuance of subpoenas of witnesses, and receive all testimony under oath;
- (d) Develop and implement additional rules and procedures as the commission deems necessary, subject to approval by the county council.

Kyle Strand has the experience, commitment to civic process, and a service-focused character to indicate he is an exemplary nominee for the Ethics Commission. Kyle, a resident of Granite Falls, is a teacher with the Lake Stevens School District, and is a former law enforcement officer. His volunteer work includes serving on the Snohomish County Developmental Disabilities Citizen Advisory Board.

Pursuant to SCC 2.03.030, I urge the Council's confirmation of Kyle Strand's appointment to the Ethics Commission to complete a vacated term that expires June 30, 2024, and with eligibility to serve two additional three-year terms.