



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Planning & Community Development **Analyst:** Ryan Countryman
ECAF: 2023-0211
Proposal: Motion 23-091 **Date:** March 7, 2023

Consideration:

Proposed Motion 23-091 would appoint Angie Sievers to the Snohomish County Planning Commission (Planning Commission) to fill the vacant at-large position.

Background

The at-large position on the Planning Commission is currently vacant. Angie Sievers has applied to serve on the commission and the County Executive has nominated her to complete a vacated term that expires July 1, 2025. A District 2 resident, Angie Sievers brings significant experience serving on other boards and committees for the City of Everett, Snohomish County Tomorrow, and the non-profit sector.

The Planning Commission has eleven positions, ten of which are currently occupied.¹ Appointment of Angie Sievers would fill the only current vacancy.

Current Proposal

Scope: Motion 23-091 would appoint Angie Sievers to the Planning Commission.

Effective Date: Commissioner Sievers' appointment would begin upon passage of this motion.

Fiscal Implications: No impact

Handling: Normal

Request: Reassignment to Committee of the Whole for briefing and to set time and date for a public hearing, suggested time and date is Wednesday, April 5, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

¹ Exhibit A provides a table showing the current membership of the Planning Commission. Exhibit B describes the composition of the commission and requirements for appointment to it.

Exhibit A – Planning Commission Membership Table

Planning Commission Membership – March 2, 2023			
Representing	Commissioner	Term	Term Expiration
Council District #1	Merle Ash	Second	July 1, 2024
	Mark James	First	July 1, 2023
Council District #2	Raymond Sheldon, Jr.	First	July 1, 2023
	Kimberly Busted	First	November 30, 2026
Council District #3	Robert Larsen, Chair	Second	July 1, 2023
	Christine Eck	First	June 29, 2026
Council District #4	Tom Campbell	First	November 24, 2025
	Neil Pedersen	First	January 4, 2027
Council District #5	Leah Everett, Vice-Chair	Second	June 29, 2026
	Rosanna Brown	First	January 12, 2026
At-Large	Vacant*		
* Angie Sievers nominated for appointment			

Exhibit B – Composition and Requirements of the Planning Commission

The Snohomish County Planning Commission is an advisory body to the County Council and County Executive. The commission holds public hearings and provides recommendations on proposed changes to the county's comprehensive plan and development regulations. The commission has eleven members, two from each council district and one at-large member nominated by the executive, which serve four-year terms and may not serve more than two complete consecutive terms.

Snohomish County Code (2.03.060 and 2.08.080) provides that the council appoints planning commission members. Requirements are that commissioners:

1. Not be county employees
2. Have sufficient time to attend all scheduled meetings, and
3. Not serve on more than two boards or commissions at the same time (ad hoc or advisory committees do not count against the limit).

County code also provides that nominees should possess attributes including a background in one or more of the following:

- Architecture
- Law
- Farming
- Recreation
- Finance
- Real estate
- Environment
- Construction
- Fisheries
- Engineering
- Appraisal
- Land use planning
- Education
- Related backgrounds, or job knowledge or interests

Nominees should also have knowledge of land use theories and growth management legislation, minimal potential for conflict of interest, a demonstrated interest in the welfare of Snohomish County, and should add balance to countywide representation on the commission.