

MEMORANDUM

TO: Jared Mead, Snohomish County Council Chair

FROM: Dave Somers, Snohomish County Executive

DATE: April 5, 2023

RE: Re-appointment of Kari Johnson to the Arts Commission

I am pleased to recommend the re-appointment of Kari Johnson to the Snohomish County Arts Commission to serve a four-year term as at-large commissioner.

Kari Johnson is an accomplished artist and small business owner who resides in Council District 5. Kari has a degree in marketing and a sincere passion for advocacy and communications about the arts in Snohomish County. Kari was elected as vice chair in 2022 and devotes several hours each week to the commission. She is one of the most active and inspiring members on the commission and is recommended for a full four-year appointment as at large member.

The Snohomish County Arts Commission was created by the Snohomish County Council in July 2004 to 1) advocate for the arts as a part of Snohomish County's culture; 2) recommend an annual arts program; 3) recommend criteria for selection of any artist or art work to be funded through the arts program; 4) provide reports on recommended acquisitions of artwork; 5) recommend the public site(s) for installation or performance of public art; 6) advise on maintenance, conservation, etc.; 7) make funding recommendations for specific works of art; 8) seek private or public donations and grants for the arts program; and 9) provide an annual written report describing the commission's activities and the arts program. The commission has 11 voting members that represent each council district and six at-large members who may reside anywhere in the county. However, no more than three members from any one district may serve at one time. Members serve 4-year terms.

Pursuant to SCC 2.95.030, I recommend Council confirmation of Kari Johnson to be appointed to the Snohomish County Arts Commission to serve a four-year term to expire December 31, 2026.

Thank you for your consideration.

