

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Megan Dunn, Snohomish County Council Chair

FROM: Dave Somers, Snohomish County Executive

DATE: March 14, 2022

RE: Appointment of Lark Kesterke to the Snohomish County Children's Commission

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I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Lark Kesterke to the Snohomish County Children's Commission to serve an initial four-year term.

Lark resides in Council District 2. Lark currently holds the position of Program Manager for Within Reach, working collaboratively to assist people in navigating complex health and social service systems. Lark has 16 years of experience with the Snohomish County non-profit sector. Lark works utilizing best practices in collective impact, grant making, public policy, advocacy, strategic planning and program management. Lark would like to serve on the Snohomish County Children's Commission in order to support inclusive, child- and family-centered approaches in the County.

The Children's Commission was created to advise the County on "issues of health, safety and social services for infants, young children and youth in the community." It is composed of 25 members, including at least two youth commissioners. Three members are appointed from each council district, while the remaining ten at-large appointees may reside anywhere within the county. Commissioners serve four-year terms with the exception of youth commissioners, who serve one-year terms. Commissioners may not serve more than three consecutive terms. The Snohomish County Children's Commission currently has 8 members and 17 vacancies. Human Services staff and the Commission are actively engaged in recruitment to fill vacancies.

Pursuant to SCC 2.03.030, I recommend Council confirmation of Lark Kesterke to be appointed to the Snohomish County Children's Commission to serve an initial four-year term.

Thank you for your consideration.