

MEMORANDUM

TO: Jared Mead, Snohomish County Council Chair

FROM: Dave Somers, Snohomish County Executive

DATE: January 24, 2023

RE: Recommendation for Re-Appointment to Snohomish County Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board

I am pleased to recommend the re-appointment of Katharine Cain to serve an additional three-year term on the Snohomish County Developmental Disabilities Citizen Advisory Board.

The Developmental Disabilities Citizen Advisory Board is comprised of citizens who serve in an advisory capacity to the Developmental Disability (DD) staff of the Snohomish County Human Services Department. The Board meets monthly and is comprised of up to 15 members drawing from all areas of the county and a range of backgrounds, including family members, individuals with developmental disabilities, professionals, and advocates.

Katharine Cain resides in Council District 1 and is a Special Education Teacher for 18-21-year-old students. Katharine Cain has many years of experience teaching special education, and has experience working with families, Person-Centered Planners, Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, Developmental Disabilities Administration, and the School to Work program.

Working closely with the Snohomish County Developmental Disabilities, Katharine Cain has helped facilitate community resource meetings using the “Front Door Model” wherein community agencies collaborate to assess and deliver needed resources to families. Katharine Cain is a presenter at the county-wide Transition Fair and serves on the Transition Fair planning committee. Katharine Cain holds a bachelor’s in business administration and a master’s in Education.

Pursuant to SCC 2.03.030, I hereby urge Council confirmation of Katharine Cain to be re-appointed to the Developmental Disabilities Citizen Advisory Board for an additional three-year term beginning upon confirmation.

Thank you for your consideration.