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Dave Somers
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MEMORANDUM

Date:
To: Megan Dunn, Snohomish County Council Chair
From: County Executive Dave Somers
Re: Reappointment of Lou Ann Carter to serve a second term on the Snohomish County Council on Aging

I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Lou Ann Carter to serve a second term on the Snohomish County Council on Aging.

The Snohomish County Human Services Department, Division of Aging and Disability Services, Long-Term Care & Aging, is the Area Agency on Aging for Snohomish County. As such, the Long-Term Care & Aging unit receives and administers federal Older Americans Act funds. A requirement of the Older Americans Act is that Area Agencies on Aging establish advisory boards, which advise and inform their local Area Agency on Aging regarding the delivery of community-based services. Snohomish County Code 2.03 authorizes the County Executive to appoint and the County Council to confirm appointments with the Council on Aging (COA).

The COA is comprised of individuals who represent various age, gender, ethnic, and employment backgrounds from each of the five geographic council districts.

Lou Ann Carter resides in County Council District 2 and has served her first 3-year term as a COA member. Ms. Carter has proven to be a vital member of the COA. She currently is serving as the COA Officer At Large and previously held the position of Vice Chair. She also chaired the Senior Center subcommittee.

Ms. Carter has a wealth of knowledge and experience due to her 25 years working as a social worker for the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) from 1997 - 2022. She served as a Child Support Enforcement Officer, Supervisor for a Skilled Nursing Facility Unit and a Supervisor for a Residential Unit. She also served at DSHS as the Tribal Liaison for the Division of Child Support and Child Welfare Services, as well as a Local Indian Child Welfare Advisory Committee Facilitator.

Ms. Carter has dedicated her time and is currently volunteering at the Carl Gipson Center, both as an Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group Facilitator and a Grief Support Group Facilitator. Prior to volunteering at the Carl Gipson Center, she served nearly nine (9) years facilitating an Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group in Smokey Point.

Ms. Carter also volunteers with Hospice of NW in Mt. Vernon, doing regular companionship visits, which include one-hour weekly visits for clients currently on hospice services.

Pursuant to SCC 2.03.030, I hereby urge Council confirmation of Lou Ann Carter, to be appointed to the Council on Aging to serve a second full-term.