

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Megan Dunn, Snohomish County Council Chair

FROM: Dave Somers, Snohomish County Executive

DATE: March 14, 2022

RE: Appointment of Shakima Tozay to the Snohomish County Children's Commission

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

Shakima Tozay resides in Council District 1. Shakima is a Licensed Independent Medical Social Worker currently working with the United States Navy. Shakima's work focuses on mental health counseling and professional coaching services for individuals and families. Shakima has a passion for perinatal mental health support and serves on a number of boards and volunteers time to advocate and educate other professionals about the maternal health crisis.

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 Shakima Tozay to be appointed to the Snohomish County Children's Commission to serve an initial four-year term.

Thank you for your consideration.