

## M E M O R A N D U M

**DATE:** January 16, 2026

**TO:** Megan Dunn, Snohomish County Council Chair

**FROM:** Dave Somers, Snohomish County Executive

**SUBJECT:** Appointment to Snohomish County Veterans Assistance Fund Executive Board

I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Jim Cornwell to the Snohomish County Veterans Assistance Fund Executive Board.

The Snohomish County Veterans Assistance Fund Executive Board was created under Ordinance 95-088, to advise the County on matters relating to veterans and the needs of vulnerable veterans. The purpose of the Veterans Assistance Fund is to provide emergency assistance to honorably discharged veterans and eligible dependents. Vouchers are provided for basic necessities including food, rent, utilities and other emergency needs.

The Veterans Assistance Fund Executive Board is comprised of members of nationally recognized veterans' service organizations or the veterans' community at large. Board members are recommended by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Council.

- Jim Cornwell, residing in Council District 4, is seeking appointment as a representative of the Vietnam Veterans of America. Mr. Cornwell currently lives in Bothell and served in the United States Army for five years. He is active in the community and would be a valuable asset to the Snohomish County Veterans Assistance Fund Executive Board. This will be Jim Cornwell's first term on the Board.

Pursuant to SCC 2.03.030, I hereby recommend Council confirmation of Jim Cornwell for appointment to the Snohomish County Veterans Assistance Fund Executive Board for his first four-year term to expire on 2/1/2030.

Thank you for your consideration.