

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County Washington

AMENDED MOTION NO. 23-273

APPOINTING KARL NIEMELA TO
THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Planning Commission is established and administered pursuant to chapter 2.08 SCC; and

WHEREAS, appointments to fill vacant Planning Commission positions are made pursuant to Snohomish County Charter section 2.20 and SCC 2.08.080 and SCC 2.08.100; and

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists representing Council District 5 on the Planning Commission for an unexpired term; and

WHEREAS, SCC 2.08.080 states that vacancies shall be filled by the Council with nominees from the County Council and/or Executive; and

WHEREAS, SCC 2.08.080(2) sets out the procedure by which the County Council will hold a public hearing on nominations and make affirmative findings on the following:

1. Is the nominee a full-time resident of Snohomish County?
2. Is the nominee not a Snohomish County employee except while serving as a temporary appointee?
3. Does the nominee have sufficient time to attend all scheduled commission meetings?

WHEREAS, SCC 2.08.080 also states that it is desirable that the nominee has knowledge of a) land use theories, b) growth management and agricultural preservations studies, c) have a minimum potential for conflict of interest, d) have a demonstrated interest in the welfare of Snohomish County, and e) add balance to county-wide representation on the commission; and

WHEREAS, the unexpired term that is currently vacant expires on July 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Karl Niemela is a full-time resident of District 5, has applied for the vacancy representing the district, has relevant knowledge, is not a Snohomish County employee, and has indicated the ability and willingness to attend scheduled commission meetings; and


WHEREAS, under Snohomish County Charter section 2.20 and SCC 2.08.080 and SCC 2.08.100, Councilmember Sam Low representing District 5 has nominated Karl Niemela for appointment to the vacant District 5 position for a first partial term, to expire on July 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the County Council held a public hearing on July 19, 2023, to consider the nomination;

NOW, THEREFORE, ON MOTION, the Snohomish County Council finds that the nominee meets the criteria set out in SCC 2.08.080 and 2.08.100 and hereby appoints Karl Niemela to the Snohomish County Planning Commission to serve a partial first term, which expires on July 1, 2026.


PASSED this 19th day of July, 2023.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
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Council Chair

ATTEST:



Deputy Clerk of the Council