

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
Snohomish County, Washington

AMENDED MOTION NO. 22-446

APPOINTMENT TO THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY  
OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC ADVOCATE

WHEREAS, Jill McKinnie will retire from the Office of the Public Advocate effective November 15, 2022, and thereby cause avacancy for the appointed position; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County Code Section 2.160 establishes the creation of the Office of Public Advocate “for the purpose of receiving, investigating, and making recommendations to the council and appropriate county agencies on complaints concerning the operation of county government and to respond to inquiries from the public concerning the operation of county government. (And) the office shall monitor and report to the council on the nature and disposition of whistleblower, ethics, and human rights complaints filed pursuant to other county ordinances or procedures”; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County Code Section 2.11.040 sets forth the process for appointment of the Public Advocate by a majority of the members of the full County Council; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County Code outlines that the County Council will make its appointment following a recommendation by the County Executive’s submittal of two recommendations; and


WHEREAS, Snohomish County Code outlines that the Public Advocate will have “recognized judgment, objectivity and integrity, (and be) well-equipped to analyze problems of law, administration, and public policy;” and

WHEREAS, Executive Somers has nominated two candidates who meet the qualifications set forth in Snohomish County Code 2.11.060;

NOW, THEREFORE, ON MOTION, pursuant to Snohomish County Code, Section 2.11.040, the County Council appoints Gricelda Montes to serve as Snohomish County Public Advocate to serve for a term of one year following the date of original appointment and thereafter expire two years following the date of each reappointment by the County Council.

PASSED this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2022.

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Council Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Clerk of the Council