

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

MOTION NO. 25-469

RE-APPOINTING GRICELDA MONTES TO THE POSITION
OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY PUBLIC ADVOCATE

WHEREAS, Snohomish County voters approved Proposition 2 in 2016, amending Snohomish County Charter to require an Office of Public Advocate; and the County Council implemented Proposition 2 by amending Chapter 2.11 SCC to replace the Office of Ombudsman with the Office of Public Advocate (Ordinance 17-024); and

WHEREAS, SCC 2.11.010 states that the Public Advocate function independently subject to administrative supervision by the council chair or chief of staff; and

WHEREAS, SCC 2.11.050 states that the initial term will be one year following the date of the initial appointment with each subsequent appointment lasting two years; and

WHEREAS, the County Council appointed Gricelda Montes to the position of Snohomish County Ombudsman on November 2, 2022 by Motion 22-446 for an initial one-year term; and

WHEREAS, the County Council reappointed Gricelda Montes to a subsequent two-year term on October 24, 2023 by Motion 23-465; and

WHEREAS SCC 2.11.060 stipulates that the Public Advocate shall be appointed solely with regard to one's qualification for the duties of the office, hold no other elective or appointive office or position in county government, be a person of recognized judgment, objectivity and integrity, and be well-equipped to analyze problems of law, administration and public policy; and

WHEREAS, Gricelda Montes possesses the necessary qualifications for re-appointment and the public interest would be served by re-appointing her;

NOW, THEREFORE, ON MOTION, the Snohomish County Council hereby re-appoints Gricelda Montes to the position of Public Advocate pursuant to SCC 2.11.050 for a two-year term to begin November 16, 2025, and expire November 15, 2027.

PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

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Council Chair

ATTEST:

Deputy Clerk of the Council