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MEMORANDUM

Date:

To: Strom Peterson, Snohomish County Council

From: Dave Somers, Snohomish County Executive

Re: Snohomish County Council on Aging

I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Dennis Wheeler to serve a second consecutive term on the Snohomish County Council on Aging.

The Snohomish County Human Services Department, Division of Aging and Disability Services, Long-Term Care & Aging, is the Area Agency on Aging for Snohomish County. As such, the Long-Term Care & Aging unit receives and administers federal Older Americans Act funds. A requirement of the Older Americans Act is that Area Agencies on Aging establish advisory boards, which advises and informs their local Area Agency on Aging regarding the delivery of community-based services. Snohomish County Code 2.03 authorizes the County Executive to appoint and the County Council to confirm appointments to the Council on Aging.

The Council on Aging is comprised of individuals who represent various age, gender, ethnic, and employment backgrounds from each of the five geographic council districts.

Dennis Wheeler served on the COA from January 2016 through September 2019 and returned in January 2021. In 2018, Mr. Wheeler was elected and accepted the COA Chair position. Mr. Wheeler created a COA mentor program and is adept with training and orientation of new COA members. Mr. Wheeler was a devoted volunteer with the AARP Fraud Watch Network.

Pursuant to SCC 2.03.030, I hereby urge Council confirmation of Dennis Wheeler, to be appointed to the Council on Aging to serve a full-term ending September 30th, 2026.