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**Dave Somers**County Executive

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

Date: June 29, 2023

To: Council Chair Jared Mead From: County Executive Dave Somers

Re: Appointment of Heather Damron to the Human Rights Commission

I am pleased to nominate Heather Damron for appointment to the Snohomish County Human Rights Commission (SCHRC) to represent the District 4 position. Heather's appointment is supported by current members of SCHRC, and Councilmember Peterson has been consulted regarding the appointment.

The Snohomish County Human Rights Commission serves as an advisory body to the County Executive, County Council, and other county officers and agencies in matters concerning human rights. The commission consists of nine members appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Council. Commissioners to SCHRC serve without compensation.

Heather is engaged in the community, volunteering and serving in leadership roles with multiple organizations, including the Edmonds Climate Action Committee and with the school district. She has experience serving as an advocate for neurodivergent people. Heather promises to amplify the voices of underrepresented people with a focus on listening to their voices first.

Pursuant to SCC 2.03.030, I urge the Council's confirmation of Heather Damron's appointment to the SCHRC.