



Planning and Community Development

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Council Initiated:

☐ Yes

☒ No

ECAFs: 2024-0408
2024-0411
2024-0412

Motions: 24-143
24-144
24-145

Type:

☐ Contract

☒ Board Appt.

☐ Code Amendment

☐ Budget Action

☐ Other

Requested

Handling:

☒ Normal

☐ Expedite

☐ Urgent

Fund Source:

☐ General Fund

☐ Other

☒ N/A

Executive Rec:

☒ Approve

☐ Do Not Approve

☐ N/A

Approved as to

Form:

☐ Yes

☐ No

☒ N/A

Subject: Board Appointments – Community Services Advisory Council (CSAC)

Scope: Three motions to appoint new members to first full terms on the CSAC.

Duration: Passage to March 2028 for all three appointments.

Fiscal Impact: ☐ Current Year ☐ Multi-Year ☒ N/A

Authority Granted: None

Background:

The Board: CSAC is a volunteer body that advises the County Executive and County Council on issues regarding poverty and helps to oversee the administration of the Community Development Block Grant Program. Additional details about the CSAC and roles of different types of CSAC representatives are on page 2.

The Nominees: Motion 24-143 (ECAF 24-0408) would appoint Pamela Seamonster to a first full term. She is currently the elected Snohomish Tribal Council Vice Chair and would be an elected official representative. In her application, she writes that in “joining the CSAC, I am wanting to ensure Indigenous and People of Color have a guiding role in supporting the county to identify and advance poverty reduction efforts.”

Motion 24-144 (ECAF 24-0411) would appoint Jaime Dooley to a first full term as a community representative. Jaime Dooley writes that “Through my work as a [high school] teacher and my previous work experience I have gotten to know a wide variety of people and their experiences. I want to be able to learn more about what works and what doesn’t and then be part of the solution.”

Motion 24-145 (ECAF 24-0412) would appoint Heather Dooley a first full term as a community representative. Heather Dooley works in early childhood education., she writes that she is “interested in being a bigger part of my community” and volunteers with programs that feed homeless teens.

All three nominees are well qualified to serve on the CSAC. The County Executive recommends approval of all three appointments.

Request: Move to all three motions to General Legislative Session on April 10, 2024, for consideration.

About the Community Services Advisory Council (CSAC)

Snohomish County created the current form of the CSAC in 1986 to advise the County Executive and County Council on causes and potential solutions to poverty (SCC 2.420). It is a volunteer body comprised of between 12 to 24 members with representation from relevant stakeholder groups (community/private sector, low-income representatives, and public elected officials). Efforts are made to ensure each district is represented; however, it is contingent on the pool of applicants. Appointments are to a four-year term and members may not serve more than two consecutive terms.

CSAC is responsible for engaging with the Snohomish County community to address needs and address causes of poverty. Additionally, CSAC oversees administration of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG), a federal program that provides funds to “alleviate the causes and conditions of poverty and remove obstacles to self-sufficiency in communities.”

CSAC Mission: “The Advisory Council’s mission is to make Snohomish County more responsive to the needs and interests of the poor by mobilizing both government and non-government resources, and creating greater institutional sensitivity through education and advocacy.”

Additional information is available at <https://snohomishcountywa.gov/140/Community-Services-Advisory-Council>.