

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

MOTION NO. 21-406

RE-APPOINTING JILL MCKINNIE TO THE POSITION OF
SNOHOMISH COUNTY PUBLIC ADVOCATE

WHEREAS, the County Council appointed Jill McKinnie to the position of Snohomish County Ombudsman on March 30, 2015 (Motion 15-121); and then re-appointed Ms. McKinnie to the position on March 28, 2016 (Motion 16-149); and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County voters approved Proposition 2 in 2016, amending the Snohomish County Charter and 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 functions independently subject to administrative supervision by the council chair or chief of staff; and

WHEREAS, SCC 2.11.040 automatically appointed Ms. McKinnie, the then-incumbent Ombudsman, to an initial 1-year term as the Public Advocate, effective January 1, 2017; and the County Council subsequently re-appointed Ms. McKinnie to two-year terms by Motion 17-378 and Motion 19-404; and

WHEREAS, the current term expires on December 31, 2021 and the Council may re-appoint Ms. McKinnie to another two-year term by motion; and

WHEREAS, SCC 2.11.060 stipulates that the Public Advocate shall be appointed solely with regard to one's qualifications 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, Ms. McKinnie 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 Jill McKinnie to the position of Public Advocate pursuant to SCC 2.11.050 for a two-year term to begin January 1, 2022 and expire December 31, 2023.

DATED this 15th day of November, 2021.

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Council Vice-Chair

ATTEST:



Asst. Clerk of the Council