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Dave Somers
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MEMORANDUM

Date: September 9, 2024
To: Council Chair Jared Mead
From: County Executive Dave Somers
Re: Reappointment of Michele Blythe to serve a second term on the Snohomish County Council on Aging

I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Michele Blythe to serve a first term on the Snohomish County Council on Aging.

The Snohomish County Human Services Department, Division of Aging and Disability Services is the Area Agency on Aging for Snohomish County. As such, Aging and Disability Services receives and administers federal Older Americans Act funds. The Older Americans Act requires that Area Agencies on Aging establish advisory boards, which advise and inform 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 (COA).

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

Michelle Blythe resides in County Council District 1 and is currently a council member for the City of Arlington. Ms. Blythe has an AA in General Studies, with an Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership (AWC), CBA Graduate School of Retail Banking. Ms. Blythe has served as the State Council on Aging (SCOA) representative for the Association of Washington Cities. She also served as co-chair of the legislative committee on the SCOA. Michele was the former co-chair of the Arlington Civil Service Commission and a former member of the Executive Board of Directors for the Stilly Valley Chamber of Commerce. As well as involvement in numerous civic and volunteer associations and leadership roles, Michele is passionate about being proactive regarding issues facing the Senior Citizens in our community.

Pursuant to SCC 2.03.030, I hereby urge Council confirmation of Michele Blythe, to be appointed to the Council on Aging to serve a full term ending September 30, 2027.