
MEMORANDUM

TO: Jared Mead, Snohomish County Council Chair

FROM: Dave Somers, Snohomish County Executive

DATE: April 5, 2023

RE: At Large Appointment of Joy Ratzel to the Arts Commission

I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Joy Ratzel to the Snohomish County Arts Commission to serve a four-year term as at-large commissioner.

Joy Ratzel resides in District 5 and is a passionate advocate for K-12 student arts learning and is a board member of the Lake Stevens BIPOC and Allies. Joy is an experienced art docent with broad academic background in how arts impact standardized testing scores. Joy has been an active participant with the commission over the past year and is eager to join the membership.

The Snohomish County Arts Commission was created by the Snohomish County Council in July 2004 to 1) advocate for the arts as a part of Snohomish County's culture; 2) recommend an annual arts program; 3) recommend criteria for selection of any artist or art work to be funded through the arts program; 4) provide reports on recommended acquisitions of artwork; 5) recommend the public site(s) for installation or performance of public art; 6) advise on maintenance, conservation, etc.; 7) make funding recommendations for specific works of art; 8) seek private or public donations and grants for the arts program; and 9) provide an annual written report describing the commission's activities and the arts program. The commission has 11 voting members that represent each council district and six at-large members who may reside anywhere in the county. However, no more than three members from any one district may serve at one time. Members serve 4-year terms.

Pursuant to SCC 2.95.030, I recommend Council confirmation of Joy Ratzel for appointment to the Snohomish County Arts Commission for an at-large term to begin upon appointment and to expire on December 31, 2026.

Thank you for your consideration.

