

**TO:** Stephanie Wright, Snohomish County Council Chair

**FROM:** Dave Somers, County Executive

**DATE:**

**SUBJECT: Reappointment to the Snohomish County Children's Commission**

I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Desmond Pullen to the Snohomish County Children's Commission.

With 45 years of experience working with children and their families, Mr. Pullen has developed a keen understanding of what is required for children's safety, happiness and growth through his work in education and community advocacy. In his practice as a teacher, he worked with children of diverse backgrounds and learning styles. As an administrator, he worked with families of different cultures to provide both support and advocacy. He also has significant experience coordinating programs with the larger community to provide healthy, safe activities for children. His experience developing teams is extensive.

On May 26, 2021, the Children's Commission met and discussed the reappointment of Desmond Pullen, representing District 5 – Youth Services. This would be Mr. Pullen's third term on the commission. His second term expired May 31, 2021.

The Children's Commission was created to advise the County on "issues of health, safety and social services for infants, young children and youth in the community." It is composed of 25 members, including at least two youth commissioners. Three members are appointed from each council district, while the remaining ten at-large appointees may reside anywhere within the County. Commissioners serve four-year terms with the exception of youth commissioners, who serve one-year terms. The Snohomish County Children's Commission currently has 13 members (12 plus the pending reappointment of Mr. Pullen) and 12 vacancies.

Mr. Pullen does not serve on any other county board or commission.

Pursuant to SCC 2.03.030, I am pleased to recommend this reappointment to a four-year term to expire on May 31, 2025 (four years from the expiration of his previous term).

Thank you for your consideration.