

MEMORANDUM

TO: Jared Mead, Snohomish County Council Chair

FROM: Dave Somers, Snohomish County Executive

DATE: April 11, 2024

RE: Appointment of Kim Gaffney to the Snohomish County Children's Commission

I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Kim Gaffney to the Snohomish County Children's Commission to serve a first four-year term.

Kim Gaffney resides in Council District 2. Kim is currently the Executive Director of Youth Leadership, YMCA of Snohomish County and Executive Director Big Brothers Big Sisters of Snohomish County. Kim specializes in youth development for ages 11 – 18 and advances youth programming throughout Snohomish County. Kim's professional and volunteer roles invest in opportunities and growth of the youth of the county.

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. Commissioners may not serve more than three consecutive terms. The Snohomish County Children's Commission currently has 11 members and 14 vacancies. Human Services staff and the Commission are actively engaged in recruitment to fill vacancies.

Pursuant to SCC 2.03.030, I recommend Council confirmation of Kim Gaffney to be appointed to the Snohomish County Children's Commission to serve a first four-year term.

Thank you for your consideration.