



Snohomish County Council

Committee: COW
ECAF: 23-0617
Proposal: Mot. 23-232

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Date: June 2, 2023

Consideration

Motion 23-232 makes an appointment to the Snohomish County District Court to fill a vacancy in the South Electoral District.

Background

[RCW 3.34.100](#) states that it is the responsibility of the Snohomish County Council to fill a vacancy on the Snohomish County District Court Bench.

On February 24, 2023, the Snohomish County Council was informed that current Judge Douglas Fair was retiring effective August 31, 2023.

The Council announced the vacancy on April 26, 2023 requesting that interested parties submit a resume and letter of interest by May 17, 2023.

Council received applications from seven (7) individuals who met the qualifications set forward in [RCW 3.34.060](#).

On May 31, 2023, Council selected four (4) candidates to move forward to the interview stage of the appointment process; interviews are set for June 15, 2023. The four candidates scheduled for interviews are Matthew Baldock, Michael Mohandeson, Jessica Ness and Neil Weiss.

Current Proposal

Scope: Motion 23-232 would approve an appointment to the pending judge vacancy in the South Electoral District with an effective date of September 1, 2023, immediately following Judge Fair's retirement. After Council interviews and selects a candidate, a verbal motion will be made to insert the selected candidates name into this motion prior to final action.

Duration: The appointee will fill the vacancy until the next general election in 2024 and until a successor is elected and qualified, pursuant to RCW 3.34.100.

Handling: NORMAL

Approved-as-to-form: N/A

Request: Move this motion to June 15, 2023 Special Meeting. Following the interviews, and at the direction of Council, move to Council to add in the appointee's name and consider the motion.