



Snohomish County Council

Committee: LJHS

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ECAF: 2023-0261, 0262, 0263, 0264, 0267

Proposal: Motions 23-114 – 23-118

Date: March 21, 2023

Consideration:

Proposed Motions 23-114, 23-115, 23-116, 23-117 and 23-118 which would make (re)appointments to the Community Services Advisory Council.

Background

The Community Services Advisory Council (CSAC) was established in 1986 (SCC 2.420) and is tasked with advising the County Executive and County Council on causes and potential solutions to poverty. CSAC is comprised of between 12 to 24 members with representation from relevant stakeholder groups (community/private sector, low-income representatives, and public elected officials). Efforts are made to ensure each district is represented, however it is contingent on the pool of applicants. Each member is appointed to a four-year term and may not serve more than two consecutive terms.

CSAC is responsible for engaging with the Snohomish County community to address needs and address causes of poverty. Additionally, CSAC oversees administration of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG), a federal program that provides funds to “alleviate the causes and conditions of poverty and remove obstacles to self-sufficiency in communities.”¹

CASA Mission “The Advisory Council’s mission is to make Snohomish County more responsive to the needs and interests of the poor by mobilizing both government and non-government resources, and creating greater institutional sensitivity through education and advocacy.”²

Members commit to identifying needs from the Community Needs Assessment; an estimated three hours monthly for CSAC meetings, activities, and preparation; attending all regularly scheduled meetings (which are held during business hours); and willingness to attend the annual planning meeting. Members serve without compensation.

Current Proposal

Scope: The proposed motions would (re)appoint the following nominated individuals to a four-year term with CSAC.

Name	District	Qualification
Shakima Tozay (appointment)	District 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Social Worker at Prime Care in Mount Vernon Masters in Social Work

¹ <https://snohomishcountywa.gov/506/Community-Services-Block-Grant>

² <https://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/140/Community-Services-Advisory-Council>

Barbara Tolbert (reappointment)	District 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor of the City of Arlington • Serves low-income families and children experiencing barriers
Gregg Arnold (appointment)	District 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lecturer at University of Washington • Serves families and children experiencing barriers • Active in the Community Needs Assessment working group
Jennifer Delia Bereskin (reappointment)	District 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor's degree in Native Studies • Experience working with low-income families residing on the reservation and experiencing barriers
Morgan Webb (appointment)	District 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recovery Navigator Program Coordinator • Extensive experience in outreach and advocacy for the unhoused and those impacted by the justice system • Bachelor's degree in Community Psychology

Duration: Each appointee is appointed to a four-year term with a limit of serving two consecutive terms (eight years total). If the individual wishes to serve again they would need to have a two-year gap in services on the board.

Fiscal Implications: Members serve as volunteers and are not compensated for participation in CSAC. Members are eligible for mileage reimbursement for travel to and from meetings, and other associated costs should funds within the respective department be available.

2023 Budget: N/A

Future Budget Impacts: N/A

Handling: NORMAL

Executive Recommendation: APPROVE

Request: Move to GLS on April 5th for Council to consider taking action