

September 23, 2024

The Honorable Dave Somers  
Snohomish County Executive  
3000 Rockefeller, M/S 407  
Everett, WA 98201

Dear Executive Somers:

Sno-Isle Libraries is governed by a seven-member Board of Trustees who set library policies, review and approve the annual budget, determine the general direction of the Library District, represent their communities, and advocate for the Library District at the local and state level. Five of the seven Trustees are appointed by Snohomish County.

Snohomish County resident Martin Munguia will complete his second term on December 31, 2024. Trustee Munguia has provided strong leadership while serving on the Board, including two terms serving as Board President. He has been a strong advocate for the Mariner community and establishing an accessible community space anchored by a public library for residents in Snohomish County's Southwest Urban Growth Area. He has consistently embedded the values of equity, diversity, and inclusion in all areas of the Board's work. Trustee Munguia has demonstrated a commitment to the value and role of the public library, to the staff who provide library service, and to good financial stewardship for the Library District.

This year, the Trustee Nominating Committee received and reviewed 92 applications following the Trustee vacancy announcement. Five candidates were selected to be interviewed by the Trustee Nominating Committee, which included Board Secretary Jennifer DePrey (Committee Chair), Vice President Paul Ryan, and Trustee Griselda Guevara-Cruz. Candidates were evaluated and interviewed based on:

- Demonstrated history of community connectedness.
- Skills, experience, or a background that would be beneficial to the Board.
- Commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion.
- Support of Sno-Isle Libraries vision and the principles of intellectual freedom.

The Committee identified Snohomish County resident Kay Crull as their top candidate. Kay is a resident of Marysville and retired in 2019 from her position as Senior Vice President of Operations for The American Red Cross.

Kay is passionate about creating a welcoming library environment for all community members within the Sno-Isle Libraries service area, furthering Sno-Isle Libraries' commitment to embedding equity, diversity, and inclusion into the work of the Library District, and has experience serving on boards in Montana and California.

The Sno-Isle Library Board of Trustees requests that the Snohomish County Council appoint Kay Crull to the Sno-Isle Libraries Board of Trustees for a seven-year term, beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2031, at an upcoming Snohomish County Council meeting.

Please contact either of us if we can be of further assistance to you in the process. Thank you for your consideration of the request.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: Kay Crull Board of Trustees application

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