

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
Snohomish County, Washington

MOTION NO. 22-036

APPROVING 2<sup>nd</sup> AMENDMENT TO 2020 CONTRACT FOR LEGAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, between February 2013 and 2015, Nylysha Aradon and Corey Allen Hayes were involved in a dependency action with their minor children which resulted in termination of their parental rights, which was overturned by the Court of Appeals based on claimed negligence and due process violations by Snohomish County and Snohomish County Superior Court VGAL employees and volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Nylysha Aradon and Corey Allen Hayes filed a lawsuit on October 28, 2020, in King County Superior Court against, among others, Snohomish County; and individually named County employees, which was removed to the Western District of Washington federal court; and

WHEREAS, the Rules of Professional Conduct preclude the Civil Division from representing Snohomish County, former employees of Snohomish County, and former employees of Snohomish County and volunteers acting on behalf of Snohomish County, and which require outside counsel to provide representation in the civil lawsuit; and

WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Prosecuting Attorney, consistent with his authority under state law, county charter and county code, procured a Contract for Legal Services with Allison Croft and Chia-yu Chiang at Friemund Tardif, PLLC for the purpose representing a Snohomish County volunteer guardian ad litem; and


WHEREAS, the initial and 1<sup>st</sup> Amended Contracts for Legal Services with Allison Croft and Chia-yu Chiang at Friemund Tardif, PLLC, executed on August 25, 2020 and March 18, 2021 respectively, were not to exceed \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, litigation is in the mid-way stages of various motions and will likely continue for the unforeseeable near future;

NOW, THEREFORE, ON MOTION, the Snohomish County Council authorizes the County Executive to sign the attached 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment to the 2020 Contract for Legal Services with Allison Croft and Chia-yu Chiang at Friemund Tardif, PLLC in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.

DATED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2022.

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Council Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Asst. Clerk of the Council