SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL Snohomish County, Washington

AMENDED MOTION NO. 22-410

MAKING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE OFFICE OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCILMEMBER FOR COUNCIL DISTRICT 3

WHEREAS, Stephanie Wright resigned from elected office as Snohomish County Councilmember from Council District 3 effective August 29, 2022, and thereby caused a vacancy for that office for a term expiring on December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the office of Snohomish County Councilmember is a partisan office and County Charter Section 4.80 provides "[t]he council shall fill a vacancy from a list of three people submitted by the county central committee of the party which the official in office immediately prior to the vacancy represented" and Stephanie Wright affiliated with the Democrats Party; and

WHEREAS, on August 29, 2022, the County Council notified Chair Chilton of the Snohomish County Democrats of the vacancy and on September 15, 2022, the party submitted a list of nominees from which the County Council shall appoint one person to fill the vacancy and the names submitted were: Carin Chase, Strom Peterson; and Colin McMahon; and

WHEREAS, Council sent questions to the nominees on September 23, 2022, received written responses on September 26, 2022, and interviewed the nominees on September 29, 2022, and

WHEREAS, an appointment by the County Council is required within 60 days (by Thursday, October 28, 2022), else the Governor will appoint a nominee within 30 days of that date; and

WHEREAS, to be qualified, each of the nominees shall meet the requirements of Article II, Section 15 Washington's State Constitution and Section 4.80 of the County Charter; and

WHEREAS, the nominee will fill the position until the certification of the general election in November 2023; and

WHEREAS, the person succeeding in the election of November 2023 would serve the balance of the current unexpired term beginning on the day of certification, subject to taking the oath of office, until December 31, 2023, and would serve in the term from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2027;

NOW, THEREFORE, ON MOTION, pursuant to Article II, Section 15 of the State of Washington's Constitution and Section 4.80 of the Snohomish County Charter, the Snohomish County Council does hereby appoint Strom Peterson to the office of Councilmember representing Council District 3 to serve until the certification of the results of the November 2023 general election.

PASSED this 29th day of September 2022.

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Megan Dunn Council Chair

ATTEST:

Debbie Eco, CMC Clerk of the Council