

MEMORANDUM

Date: October 12, 2022
To: Council Chair Megan Dunn
From: County Executive Dave Somers
Re: **Recommendation of Two Candidates for Public Advocate**

Snohomish County Code (SCC) Section 2.160 establishes the creation of the Office of Public Advocate “for the purpose of receiving, investigating, and making recommendations to the council and appropriate county agencies on complaints concerning the operation of county government and to respond to inquiries from the public concerning the operation of county government. (And) the office shall monitor and report to the council on the nature and disposition of whistleblower, ethics, and human rights complaints filed pursuant to other county ordinances or procedures.”

SCC Section 2.11.040 sets forth the process for appointment of the Public Advocate. Following that process, I am pleased to recommend the following two candidates for the Public Advocate position:

1. Gricelda Montes

Gricelda has been the Administrative Specialist in the Public Advocate Office for over 4 years. In this capacity, she has an in-depth knowledge of the role of Public Advocate. In her previous positions, she has had many years of customer service and supervisory experience. She is a Snohomish County resident which gives her a connection to our community.

2. Holly Shelton

Holly has over 20 years in providing customer service, most recently as a Human Services Specialist III/Supervisor for the Housing & Community Services Division for Snohomish County. She has had many interactions with the Public Advocate and understands the requirements for this role. She is a Snohomish County resident which gives her a connection to our community.

Pursuant to SCC 2.11.060, I hereby appoint these two very qualified candidates and urge the Council’s appointment of one of them for the position of Public Advocate.