

MEMORANDUM

TO: Jared Mead, Snohomish County Council Chair

FROM: Dave Somers, Snohomish County Executive

DATE: March 22, 2023

RE: Appointment of Laron Olson to the Snohomish County
Community Services Advisory Council

I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Laron Olson to the Snohomish County Community Services Advisory Council to serve an initial four-year term.

Laron Olson resides in Council District 5. Laron is a retiree who has extensive experience with youth outreach. Laron applied to the Community Services Advisory Board as a concerned community member. Laron is active with the Monroe family resource center Take the Next Step and has served as Chair, Treasure and Interim Executive Director on its board and is a board member on the Community Foundation of Snohomish County.

The Community Services Advisory Council was established by the County Council in 1986 with the purpose of 'advising the county executive and the county council, through the Snohomish County Human Services Department, on all matters relating to the causes of poverty and to a reduction in the effects of poverty. The Advisory Council consists of at least 12 and not more than 24 members. The Advisory Council makes efforts to have each County Council legislative district represented through membership, with at least one-third of the members representative of low-income individuals and families, and the balance drawn from individuals in the private sector and public elected officials or their representatives. The sectors are termed Low-Income Representative, Community Representative, and Elected Official Representative. Members serve four-year terms and may not serve more than two consecutive terms. Appointments are recommended by the Executive and confirmed by the County Council.

Pursuant to SCC 2.03.030, I recommend Council confirmation of Laron Olson to be appointed to the Snohomish County Community Services Advisory Council to serve a first term of four years expiring on March 22, 2027.

Thank you for your consideration.