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Dave SomersCounty Executive

M E M O R A N D U M

Date: March 28, 2023

To: Council Chair Jared Mead From: County Executive Dave Somers

Re: Appointment of Karen Elliott to the Human Rights Commission

I am pleased to nominate Karen Elliott for appointment to the Snohomish County Human Rights Commission (SCHRC) to represent the District 4 position. Karen's appointment is supported by the current SCHRC. I understand that you have also had the opportunity to meet with her and review her application and recommend appointment.

The Snohomish County Human Rights Commission serves as an advisory body to the County Executive, County Council, and other county officers and agencies in matters concerning human rights. The commission consists of nine members appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Council. Commissioners to SCHRC serve without compensation.

Karen's professional work is a facilitator of for an Indian Parent Committee. She also is deeply rooted in serving the Native American community, volunteering and active with Tlingit and Haida advocacy groups, Indian education advocacy committees and boards, as well as working for Head Start.

Pursuant to SCC 2.03.030, I urge the Council's confirmation of Karen Elliott's appointment to the SCHRC.