



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Planning & Community Development **Analyst:** Yorik Stevens-Wajda
ECAF: 68240
Proposal: Proposed Motion 19-167 **Date:** May 28, 2019

Consideration

Motion 19-167 would appoint Raymond Sheldon, Jr. to the Snohomish County Planning Commission in one of the Council District 2 positions. The appointment is for a first full term and would expire on July 1, 2023.

Background

The Snohomish County Planning Commission is an advisory body to the County Council and County Executive. The commission holds public hearings and provides recommendations on proposed changes to the county's comprehensive plan and development regulations. The commission is made up of eleven members, two from each council district and one at-large member nominated by the executive, which serve four-year terms and may not serve more than two complete consecutive terms.

Snohomish County Code ([2.03.060](#) and [2.08.080](#)) provides that the council appoints planning commission members, requires that members not be county employees, requires members to have sufficient time to attend all scheduled meetings, and requires that members not serve on more than two boards or commissions at the same time (ad hoc or advisory committees do not count against the limit).

County code also provides that nominees should possess attributes including a background in one or more of the following: architecture, law, farming, recreation, finance, real estate, environment, construction, fisheries, engineering, appraisal, land use planning, education, related backgrounds, or job knowledge or interests that will add balance to the commission. Nominees should also have knowledge of land use theories and growth management legislation, minimal potential for conflict of interest, a demonstrated interest in the welfare of Snohomish County, and should add balance to countywide representation on the commission.

Current Proposal

Motion 19-167 would appoint Raymond Sheldon, Jr. to the Snohomish County Planning Commission to fill one of the Council District 2 positions that will become vacant when Commissioner Hannam completes his second full term. The appointment is for a first full term, which would expire on July 1, 2023, after which Mr. Sheldon would remain eligible to serve one additional complete term if reappointed.

Mr. Sheldon has been nominated by Councilmember Sullivan, and meets the requirements for service on the planning commission: Mr. Sheldon is a resident of Snohomish County, is not an employee of Snohomish County, has sufficient time to attend all scheduled meetings, and would not be on more than two county boards or commissions if appointed.

Mr. Sheldon has a background in planning and local and tribal government from six years' experience as a Tulalip planning commission member. Mr. Sheldon also has a background in education from service on the Indian Education Parent Committee, and has coached basketball and soccer.

Fiscal Impacts: No impact

Handling: Normal. The first Planning Commission meeting that the nominee could participate in is scheduled for July 23.

Executive Recommendation: N/A

Approved-as-to-form: N/A

Risk Management: N/A

Planning Commission membership table

Planning commission membership – May 28, 2019

<u>Representing</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>
Council District #1	Merle Ash (term expires 7/1/20) Ed Taft (term expires 7/1/19)
Council District #2	Tom Norcott (term expires 7/1/18) Douglas Hannam (term expires 7/1/19)*
Council District #3	Robert Larsen (term expires 7/1/23) Loren Simmonds (term expires 7/1/22)
Council District #4	Bob Wold (term expires 7/1/20) Neil Pedersen (term expires 11/21/22)
Council District #5	Leah Everett (term expires 7/1/22) Jim Langston (term expires 7/1/19)
At-large	Keri Moore (term expires 10/11/21)

****Raymond Sheldon, Jr. nominated for appointment***