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Liias and Loomis Appointed to Legislature

The Snohomish County Council today voted unanimously to appoint Marko Liias and Liz Loomis to the state House of Representatives, filling vacancies respectively in the 21st and 44th Legislative Districts.

“It was a challenging decision,” said County Council Chair Dave Somers. “All the candidates were excellent and anyone of them would make fine legislators.”

The county council interviewed all six candidates before holding their final vote.

Liias currently serves on the Mukilteo City Council and will be filing the legislative vacancy created when Brian Sullivan resigned after his election to the county council in November. Loomis is the former mayor of Snohomish and will be filing the Legislative vacancy created when John Lovick resigned after his election as county sheriff.

Since both Sullivan and Lovick are Democrats, county Democratic leaders submitted three candidates for each position, as is required by state law. Liias and Loomis respectively received the greatest number of votes during that process, although the county council was not bound by those pluralities.

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