



King County

**Metropolitan King County Council
Employment and Administration Committee**

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Items:		Name:	Sherrie Hsu
Proposed No.:	2023-0213	Date:	July 18, 2023

SUBJECT

Proposed Motion 2023-0213 would confirm the reappointment of Julie Kang to the Citizens' Elections Oversight Committee (CEOC) as a representative of the Korean-speaking community for a three-year term expiring July 15, 2026.

BACKGROUND

The current Citizens' Elections Oversight Committee (CEOC) was established by the King County Council in May 2006, under Ordinance 15453.¹ Duties and membership for the CEOC are outlined in King County Code chapter 2.53.

In September 2018,² the Council took action to update the membership of the CEOC. In addition to increasing the number of and changing the composition of CEOC members, the ordinance changed the mission of the committee to "help King County maintain public confidence in elections."

Under King County Code chapter 2.53, sixteen members represent named types of organizations or sectors of the community, including two at-large King County registered voters, and one ex-officio, nonvoting member representing the Secretary of State's office. Under the Code, appointments and reappointments to the CEOC are subject to review by the Employment and Administration Committee, who make a recommendation to the full Council for final confirmation, via motion.

Table 1 lists the current membership of the CEOC and the organization or constituency they represent.

¹ Previously, Council had created a CEOC in July 2003 (Ordinance 14711) and a CEOC in April 2005 (Ordinance 15157); each met for one year and produced a report with recommendations.

² Ordinance 18795

Table 1: CEOC Membership as of July 2023

Member	Organization/Constituency
Eliseo Juárez Chair	Spanish-speaking community
Jude Ahmed Vice Chair, Voter Participation	Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle
Jayson Todd Morris Vice Chair, Best Practices	Disability community
Mathew Patrick Thomas Vice Chair, Election Monitoring	King County Republican Party
Hillary Coleman	Registered voters
Mike Flood	Municipal League Foundation
Hanna Floss	King County Democratic Party
Tyson Hartman	Representative who has experience in technology
Christopher Hays	Registered voters
Stuart Holmes	Office of Secretary of State
Julie Kang	Korean-speaking community
Jason Lambacher	Academic institution with knowledge of elections
Kathy Sakahara	League of Women Voters
Stanley Tsao	Chinese-speaking community
<i>Vacant</i>	Jurisdictional representative
<i>Vacant</i>	Vietnamese-speaking community

APPOINTMENT APPLICANT INFORMATION

Julie Kang was originally appointed to the CEOC in July 2019. Proposed Motion 2023-0213 would reappoint Julie Kang to the CEOC as a representative of the Korean-speaking community. As noted in Ms. Kang's application materials, Ms. Kang has volunteered as a Korean language school principal; served on the board of the Korean American Coalition Washington Chapter for over a decade, including as President; and worked with the Korean community to increase knowledge of voting, voter registration, and civic education.

ANALYSIS

Staff has not identified any issues with the proposed reappointment. It appears to be consistent with the requirements of the County Code.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Motion 2023-0213