## STAFF REPORT

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| **Agenda Item:** | 12 | **Name:** | Clifton Curry |
| **Proposed No**.: | 2019-0338 | **Date:** | September 3, 2019 |

**SUBJECT**

Proposed Motion 2019-0338 A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Dionne Foster, who resides in council district two, to the King County women's advisory board, as an executive at-large representative.

**SUMMARY**

The Executive has forwarded for Council consideration and approval the appointment of Dionne Foster to the King County Women’s Advisory Board, serving as an executive at-large representative. The appointment is for a three-year term expiring July 1, 2022. Proposed Motion 2019-0338 would confirm this appointment to the Women’s Advisory Board.

**BACKGROUND**

The Women’s Advisory Board was created to foster programs, legislation and policies for the benefit of women throughout King County. The board acts in an advisory capacity to the King County Executive, the County Council, and the women’s program in respect to matters concerning women. Per King County Code 2.30.060, the King County women’s advisory board shall be composed of fifteen members, one nominated from each council district by the council and six at-large members, of whom four shall be nominated by the council and two shall be nominated by the executive. All nominations shall represent the diversity of women in King County, including diversity in age, area of residence, profession and race or ethnicity, and shall not include employees or board members of agencies receiving funding from the women’s program. Nominees shall be appointed by the county executive and confirmed by the county council by motion.

**ANALYSIS**

The application materials note that Ms. Foster is a Program Officer with the Seattle Foundation with a background in policy research and analysis, Ms. Foster notes that she co-authored the King County Determinants of Equity Report in 2015 as well as the Our People, Our Power, Our Planet community-based research project. Ms. Foster reports that she served on a variety of boards and committees, including the City of Seattle Equity and Environment Committee. Ms. Foster notes in her application materials that as “a black woman with lived experience navigating social services, employment harassment, lack of paid time off, unaffordable healthcare and so much more that comes with growing up and living as a working class woman. With the combination of both professional and lived experience and collaborative work ethic I believe I would be a strong asset to the Women’s Advisory Board.”

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Proposed Motion 2019-0338
2. Transmittal Letter.