



MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of Whatcom County Council

FROM: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

RE: Appointment of Allison Hunt, M.D. -
Whatcom County Medical Examiner

DATE: December 7, 2022

I would like to take this opportunity to request confirmation of my appointment of Dr. Allison Hunt as Whatcom County Medical Examiner.

For the first time in over 34 years, Whatcom County will be entering a new era with a new Medical Examiner. Dr. Gary Goldfogel, who has served as the County's Medical Examiner for 34 years will be retiring. Dr. Goldfogel has served the County with pride and professionalism over the last three decades and finding his replacement was no easy task.

To prepare for his retirement the County initiated a solicitation process that would ensure a broad recruitment effort. A candidate by the name of Dr. Allison Hunt responded to the RFP with a long resume and some local experience. Dr. Hunt was raised in Kentucky, completed her Doctorate of Medicine at the University of Louisville, and her pathology residency in Mobile, Alabama. She worked as a Forensic Pathologist in Miami-Dade County, Florida and after a year traveled to the West Coast to work as a Forensic Pathologist for the Riverside County Sheriff-Coroner. Over her ten years working in Riverside, Dr. Hunt earned a deep respect from her colleagues and superiors and gained a reputation and high regard for her integrity, proficiency and down-to-earth personality.

In February of last year, Dr. Hunt pursued her dream of re-locating to the Pacific Northwest and started her own business, Hunt Forensics and moved to Washington State. She was soon employed with Pierce County Medical Examiner's Office and contracting with Skagit County as a Forensic Pathologist.

We look forward to welcoming and introducing Dr. Hunt as the Whatcom County Medical Examiner. She will be working with Dr. Goldfogel over the next few months so she can hit the ground running as we transition to a new Medical Examiner. As we welcome Dr. Hunt to our community, please also thank Dr. Goldfogel on his many years of service and congratulate him on his well-deserved retirement.

