

Resolution

Call for Support to Condemn the Actions of Snohomish County Sheriff Adam Fortney and Support the Effort of the Citizens' Recall

WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Code provides the duties of the office of Sheriff; and

WHEREAS, Adam Fortney took an oath to enforce the laws and constitutions of the State of Washington and the United States and to “faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of the office of Snohomish County Sheriff for a 4-year term according to the law”; and

WHEREAS, Adam Fortney has publicly stated his refusal to uphold and enforce the constitutionally valid Stay Home, Stay Healthy Order issued by Gov. Jay Inslee, in violation of his oath and duties to the citizens of Snohomish County; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic is an imminent threat to the public health and safety of the citizens of Snohomish County, that threat being mitigated by the Stay Home, Stay Healthy Order; and

WHEREAS, Adam Fortney has incited the citizens of Snohomish County to actively violate the Stay Home, Stay Healthy Order by way of his public statements; and

WHEREAS, Adam Fortney’s decision to reinstate Deputies Matt Boice and Evan Twedt, previously relieved of duty for their violations of individual constitutional rights and their subsequent attempts to conceal their malfeasance indicates a lack of accountability within his administration; and

WHEREAS, Adam Fortney’s decision to reinstate Deputy Arthur Wallin, previously terminated following an internal investigation into the shooting and killing of a 23-year-old Edmonds resident and \$1,000,000 civil settlement paid by the County, further shows a lack of accountability within his administration;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the First Legislative District Democrats condemn the actions of Sheriff Adam Fortney and support the efforts for a Recall Petition and Election, as provided in the Snohomish County Charter, Washington Constitution, and Revised Code of Washington; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the First Legislative District Democrats call upon Sheriff Adam Fortney to resign from his position as Snohomish County Sheriff, effective immediately; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the First Legislative District Democrats ask our elected officials to publicly condemn Sheriff Adam Fortney and call for his resignation or recall; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Snohomish County Democrats, the Washington State Democratic Central Committee, First Legislative District legislators and Governor Jay Inslee.

Proposed by Monica Chilton, September 22, 2020

Recommended DO PASS by the First District Democrats Issues Committee, October 1, 2020.