



SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

RESOLUTION NO. 22-010

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL HONORING
THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JUDGE CASSANDRA LOPEZ-SHAW**

WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Council joins the family, friends, and colleagues of the Honorable Cassandra Lopez-Shaw to honor her life, legacy, and commitment to public service; and

WHEREAS, at the age of eight, she and her family came to the United States, and she grew up in the suburbs of Los Angeles. She then attended the University of Washington where she graduated with honors before earning her Juris Doctor from Loyola Law School; and

WHEREAS, Judge Lopez-Shaw's commitment to vulnerable populations was unwavering. She provided extensive volunteer time in educational settings for young people, especially children from disadvantaged communities. She routinely volunteered with the YMCA Mock Trial Program, Bothell Youth Court, and in classrooms in public schools across Snohomish County; and

WHEREAS, her commitment to public service led to over 200 hours per year of pro bono work within the community, and recognitions and awards including the Domestic Violence Advocacy Award for her work with domestic violence victims; and

WHEREAS, Judge Lopez-Shaw's 17-year legal career spanned across public defense, private practice, and most recently she was elected as Snohomish County's first Latinx Superior Court Judge; and

WHEREAS, she will forever be remembered by her commitment to fair representation for disadvantaged populations. A fluent Spanish speaker, she would conduct court in Spanish for people who primarily spoke Spanish as their first language. She also was a constant and compassionate advocate for people without financial means to access fair representation; and

WHEREAS, she will be missed by many colleagues in Snohomish County who appreciated her thoughtfulness, kindness, generosity, and human lovingness - both in and out of the courtroom;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT, RESOLVED, we encourage the people of Snohomish County to honor Judge Lopez-Shaw's memory and commitment to public service by volunteering or donating to their favorite organization, such as her favorites the Snohomish County Legal Services and the YMCA;

BE IT FURTHER, RESOLVED, since Judge Lopez-Shaw was the first Latina judge in Snohomish County and "you can't be what you can't see," we encourage all young women, especially young women of color, to never give up on their dreams and know you can be whatever you want to be.

APPROVED this 7th day of March, 2022.

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