## STAFF REPORT

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| **Agenda Item:** | 5 | **Name:** | Andy Micklow |
| **Proposed No**.: | 2021-0296 | **Date:** | September 28, 2021 |

**SUBJECT**

Proposed Motion 2021-0296 would confirm the Executive’s appointment of Andrew Ely, who resides in Council District 1, to the King County Agriculture Commission, for a partial term to expire on February 28, 2023.

**BACKGROUND**

The Agriculture Commission was created in 1994[[1]](#footnote-1) to serve as a forum for farmers to provide input on land use decisions, policies, and regulations affecting commercial agriculture.

The Commission consists of 15 volunteer members, of which eight must be producers engaged in the business of producing an agricultural commodity for market in commercial quantities. Members serve three-year terms.

King County Code 2.40.040 outlines the duties of the Agriculture Commission, which is asked to advise the Council and Executive on agricultural policies and programs, including, but not limited to:

* Existing and proposed legislation and regulations affecting commercial agriculture;
* Land use issues that affect agriculture;
* Ways to maintain, enhance and promote agriculture and agricultural products in the region; and
* Livestock regulation implementation and monitoring.

**APPOINTEE INFORMATION**

Andrew Ely is the Farm and Education Manager at Viva Farms in King County working with new and beginning farmers to help them grow their businesses sustainably. Mr. Ely is also an experienced farmer working to grow his "farm business in a peri-urban environment."

**ANALYSIS**

Staff has not identified any issues with the proposed appointment. It appears to be consistent with the requirements of K.C.C. 2.40.

**INVITED**

* Andrew Ely, Appointee to King County Agriculture Commission
* Patrice Barrentine, Staff Liaison to King County Agriculture Commission

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Proposed Motion 2021-0296
2. Transmittal Letter
1. Ordinance 11417 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)