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Port of Seattle Commission (POSC) President Ryan Calkins
POSC Vice President Sam Cho
POSC Secretary Toshiko Hasegawa
POS Commissioner Fred Felleman
POS Commissioner Hamdi Mohamed

Re: Port of Seattle Strategic Plan Values, Vision and Policy Direction

Honorable Pres. Calkins, VP Cho, Sec. Hasegawa, Commissioner Felleman, and Commissioner Mohamed:

Congratulations for making history as the most diverse and representative of the Port of Seattle communities!

The multiple advocacy foci that each one of you brings to the POSC -- the science, workforce development, economic recovery, equity, environment, climate, health, and organizational transparency and accountability gives us confidence that our community and climate issues will be addressed with urgency.

The January 24-25 POSC Retreat must go beyond understanding the 2019 Port Strategic Port-wide Goals to addressing gaps in policy direction to make the Port and its operations the Port of the Future Today.

https://meetings.portseattle.org/portmeetings/attachments/2019/2019_01_25_RE_packet.pdf

We ask that you amend the POSC Strategic Plan to address our environment, health and climate issues as follows:

1. Recognize that over a quarter million people live in airport impacted communities near the airport and under airplane paths including 50% people of color and 28% immigrants and refugees.
2. Approach the mitigation and reduction of the Port's environmental, health, and climate impacts on our communities as justice issues.

3. Continue to recognize that the Port's said impacts accelerate and exacerbate harm on our people of color, immigrant/refugee, and low-income vulnerable communities as the Port had previously done, using its Equity Index to assist COVID impacted communities in South King County.
4. Establish meaningful Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emission reduction goals for all aircraft that use Sea-Tac Airport and implement proven short-term and long-term approaches to achieve those goals. This is key to the Port's climate change response, particularly given that emissions from aircraft have an estimated three-times greater warming impact than on-the-ground emissions.
5. Conduct integrated air, land, and water multimodal planning with Puget Sound Regional Council to further reduce GHG emissions.
6. Expand the Port definition of "safety" to include airport impacted communities beyond its business partners, customers, and employees.

POSC Vice President Cho and former Commissioner Stephanie Bowman set us on a path toward a POSC Study Session. We want to reengage in that process. Maria Batayola is our contact person. She can be reached at mbjumpstart@msn.com 206 293 2951. We look forward to your positive response within the next 3 weeks. Stay well and safe.

Respectfully,

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