

1 **MOTION 2018-04**
2 **OF THE PORT OF SEATTLE COMMISSION**
3 **ADOPTING THE CHARTER OF AN ENERGY AND**
4 **SUSTAINABILITY SPECIAL COMMITTEE**

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6 **PROPOSED**
7 **MARCH 13, 2018**
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10 **TEXT OF THE MOTION**
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12 The Port of Seattle Commission hereby adopts the attached charter of the 2018 Energy and
13 Sustainability Special Committee to develop policy recommendations and provide oversight in
14 pursuit of the environmental and sustainability goals as described in the Port's Century Agenda
15 and in the Commission's motion of October 24, 2017, and further elaborated in the attached
16 charter.
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19 **STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION**
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21 An Energy and Sustainability Committee was originally chartered by the Port of Seattle
22 Commission on January 26, 2016. On October 24, 2017, the Commission passed a motion
23 supporting the committee's recommendation to align the Port's greenhouse gas reduction
24 goals with those of King County and the City of Seattle and instructing Port staff to develop a
25 Sustainability Evaluation Framework to assist the Port in meeting its greenhouse gas reduction
26 and sustainability goals. Adoption of the 2017 motion concluded the work outlined in the 2016
27 Energy and Sustainability Committee Charter.
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29 The Port of Seattle Commission has identified the chartering of a new Energy and Sustainability
30 Committee as one of its top priorities for 2018. The Port has significant strategic environmental
31 decisions in 2018 and 2019 that will require an added level of oversight and engagement by the
32 Chairs of this Committee, Commissioners Fred Felleman and Ryan Calkins. The Committee will
33 undertake four primary subjects in its workplan: the Sustainable Project Evaluation Framework,
34 Sustainable Aviation Fuels, Blue Carbon, and an Environmental Awards update.
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36 The Sustainable Project Evaluation Framework was proposed by the 2016 Energy and
37 Sustainability Committee, chaired by Commissioners Courtney Gregoire and Fred Felleman. This
38 Framework will assist the Commission in making decisions on projects in a transparent manner
39 that explicitly reviews the social and environmental tradeoffs that occur in any project of
40 significance. The Committee will also guide four pilot projects that will inform the Framework
41 and propose a final Framework based on the outcomes of the pilot projects.

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43 The Chairs will conduct oversight on the development of a Sustainable Aviation Fuels strategy
44 and implementation. Sustainable Aviation Fuels is one of the most significant ways the Port can
45 create greenhouse gas reductions in the region.

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47 Blue Carbon is a new area of exploration for the Port that the Committee will support through
48 community engagements and partnerships. The Blue Carbon pilot project developed by a Port
49 of Seattle graduate intern, Victoria Knorr, will break ground this year and could have significant
50 impact on our greenhouse gas sequestration and regional partnerships.

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52 Finally, the Committee shall update the Port's environmental awards with an eye towards
53 creating a comprehensive award that engages all of the Port's stakeholders and elevates the
54 community's sense of the Port's environmental innovation.

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56 The Port of Seattle Commission, by this motion, charters the 2018 Energy and Sustainability
57 Special Committee to develop policy recommendations and conduct oversight in these four
58 primary areas to further the environmental and sustainability goals of the Port's Century
59 Agenda.

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