



COMMISSION
AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Item No.

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ACTION ITEM

Date of Meeting

August 13, 2019

DATE: August 7, 2019

TO: Stephen P. Metruck, Executive Director

FROM: Mike Merritt, Commission Chief of Staff
Paul J. White, Commission Clerk

SUBJECT: Commission bylaws object statement amendment

ACTION REQUESTED

Request Introduction of Resolution No. 3761: A resolution of the Port of Seattle Commission amending Resolution Nos. 3742, 3744, and 3754, regarding bylaws governing the organization and transaction of business of the Port of Seattle Commission, to revise the object statement in Article I.

SUMMARY

The Port of Seattle currently lacks consistent messaging in its mission as an entity. As the Port continues advancing economic growth in a sustainable and equitable manner, its mission statement should be one that reflects those priorities consistently.

The Port's current mission statement exists on the Port's website. There are different iterations of the mission statement on publicly accessible documents such the Port's Long Range Plans, the Commission bylaws and the footer of Commission regular and special meeting agendas.

The overarching goal for updating the Port's mission statement is to have a statement that simply and accurately conveys the Port of Seattle's duties and commitment towards King County and its residents that is consistent across the board. Important elements of an updated mission statement are commitments to equity, accountability/transparency, environmental sustainability, and quality of life. The proposed revision would read as follows:

Founded in 1911 by a vote of the people, the Port of Seattle is a special-purpose government led by a board of elected Commissioners. Its mission is to benefit the quality of life of King County residents by expanding economic opportunity by advancing trade, travel, and commerce. It achieves these goals in an equitable, accountable, and environmentally sustainable manner.

This proposal reflects basic port authority around trade, travel, and commerce and adds the responsibilities to support quality of life, equity, accountability, and environmental stewardship.

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If approved for introduction, Resolution 3761 would be made available for adoption at the commission regular meeting of September 10, 2019.

Attachments to this memo include a draft of Resolution 3761 and redline of the proposed bylaws change.