

41 increased participation by WMBE in Port contracting for public works, consulting services,
42 supplies, material, equipment, and other services; and

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44 **WHEREAS**, in 2019 the Port established an Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion to
45 address institutional racism and increase equity, diversity, and inclusion in Port policies,
46 processes, and programs; and

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48 **WHEREAS**, *the Duwamish Valley Community (Community) consists of a group of people and*
49 *organizations that live, work, play, study, or worship in the near-Port neighborhoods of South Park*
50 *and Georgetown along the Duwamish River and have been historically or are currently impacted*
51 *by economic, racial, and environmental injustices, including the Duwamish People, the first people*
52 *of Seattle; and*

53 ~~the Duwamish Valley Community (Community) consists of groups or individuals that~~
54 ~~collectively live, work, play, study, and worship in the neighborhoods of South Park and~~
55 ~~Georgetown along the Duwamish River who have historically and currently been impacted by~~
56 ~~economic, racial, and environmental injustices, including the Duwamish People, the first people~~
57 ~~of Seattle; and experience disproportionately high environmental health and socio-economic~~
58 ~~burdens; and~~

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60 **WHEREAS**, the 2013 Cumulative Health Impacts Analysis published by Just Health Action
61 and the Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition/Technical Advisory Group characterizes the
62 Duwamish Valley Community as experiencing environmental justice issues such as
63 disproportionate exposure to air pollution, lack of greenspace, and high poverty rates
64 contributing to a life expectancy in South Park and Georgetown that is 13 years lower than **other**
65 **wealthier** communities in Seattle; and

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67 **WHEREAS**, the City of Seattle’s 2017 Preparing for Climate Change Strategy Report
68 identifies this community as one of the communities that will be most impacted by climate
69 change conditions such as extreme heat, rising sea levels, and flooding; and

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71 **WHEREAS**, the Port seeks alignment with the City of Seattle Resolution 31567 and King
72 County Motion 2015-0167 related to the Duwamish Waterway Cleanup and the health of
73 communities adjacent to the Lower Duwamish Waterway, and other public agencies who have
74 recognized historic and present inequities experienced by the Community, and have launched
75 long-term initiatives within their own operations, such as the City of Seattle’s Duwamish Valley
76 Action Plan that addresses environmental justice and equitable development in the community;
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79 **WHEREAS**, the Port has historic involvement in the Duwamish Valley through Superfund
80 cleanup and remediation as part of the Lower Duwamish Waterway Group (LDWG) along with
81 the City of Seattle, King County, and Boeing., and LDWG has collectively invested approximately
82 \$50 million in investigating contamination in the Lower Duwamish waterway, developed
83 approaches for cleanup of the waterway and means to prevent recontamination through source

84 control; and the Port of Seattle has individually already invested nearly \$13 million into the
85 cleanup of Terminal 117 Early Action Area; and

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87 **WHEREAS**, the Northwest Seaport Alliance (NWSA) and the Port of Seattle have partnered
88 on several initiatives to improve air quality and reduce greenhouse gases such as the Clean Truck
89 Program, air quality education projects, and the adoption of the Northwest Ports Clean Air
90 Strategy to reduce air emissions from shipping and port operations in the Georgia Basin and
91 Puget Sound airsheds from cargo-handling equipment, rail, harbor craft, ships, and trucks; and

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93 **WHEREAS**, in January 2017 the Port and Duwamish Valley community were selected by
94 the United States Environmental Protection Agency’s Ports Initiative to receive a technical
95 assistance grant to pilot a project (*pilot project*) that facilitated dialogue and engagement with
96 communities experiencing environmental justice issues; and

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98 **WHEREAS**, the pilot project enabled the Port to identify three areas of collaboration and
99 mutual benefit with the Community: capacity building, environmental stewardship, and
100 economic development to prevent continued community displacement; and these three areas,
101 as well as community-based organizations such as the Port Community Action Team (PCAT), are
102 key pillars for sustaining the ongoing partnership; and the Port and has expended over \$450,000
103 on targeted community programs such as shoreline improvements, increased access to public
104 educational events, and green career pathways; and

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106 **WHEREAS**, the PCAT is a *Community-convened* advisory group established in 2017 *as*
107 *part of the pilot project and consists* ~~consisting~~ of Duwamish Valley community members that
108 engage the Port in collaborative action and strategic planning in order to address historical and
109 current disproportionate, cumulative impacts affecting the Duwamish Valley community; and the
110 PCAT provides training and coaching to Port staff on inclusive engagement practices and cultural
111 competency that ensures the effectiveness of achieving the Century Agenda; and

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113 **WHEREAS**, in May 2019, the Port of Seattle Commission authorized the creation of the
114 Duwamish Valley Community Equity Program and directed staff to collaborate with community
115 partners to establish a Community Benefits Commitment that provides shared goals and
116 definitions, a strategy and workplan with actionable items, and an evaluation framework;

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118 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Port of Seattle Commission as follows:

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120 SECTION 1. The Duwamish Valley Community Benefits Commitment as shown in Exhibit
121 A is hereby established.

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123 SECTION 2: The Duwamish Valley Community Benefits Commitment shall be labeled and
124 catalogued as appropriate, together with other Commission Policy Directives, and shall
125 be made readily available for use by Port staff and members of the public as a governance
126 document of the Port of Seattle.

128 **ADOPTED** by the Port of Seattle Commission at a duly noticed meeting thereof,
129 held this _____ day of _____, 2019, and duly authenticated in open session by the
130 signatures of the Commissioners voting in favor thereof and the seal of the commission.

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Port of Seattle Commission