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**APPROVED MINUTES
COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING FEBRUARY 26, 2013**

The Port of Seattle Commission met in a special meeting Tuesday, February 26, 2013, at the Seattle Public Library, Microsoft Auditorium, 1000 Fourth Avenue, Seattle, Washington, for the purpose of holding a town-hall-style public forum related to selection of an appointee to fill a vacancy in the elected office of Port Commission Position No. 2. Commissioners Albro, Bryant, Creighton, and Holland were present.

CALL TO ORDER

The forum began at 6:31 p.m. with introductory remarks by Tom Albro, Commission President, who introduced the Commissioners present, the moderator for the evening, KIRO TV reporter Essex Porter, and the following five finalists participating in the forum:

- Nancy Wyatt;
- Vicki Orrico;
- Claudia Kauffman;
- Courtney Gregoire; and
- Stephanie Bowman.

The finalists were allowed one minute each for opening statements, one minute to respond to questions, and one minute for closing remarks. Following self-introductions, the questions, directed to all finalists by Mr. Porter, included the following:

- What do you know about the maritime industry and the role of the Port in relation to the maritime industry?
- What responsibilities of the Port Commission are not currently being met, and what has prevented people from meeting those responsibilities?
- There are vendors and contractors throughout the Port. They change on a regular basis, but because a new contractor takes over, what would you do about the current workers being retained in their jobs?
- Is it time to merge the Ports of Seattle and Tacoma?
- Was the current Commission right to allow the CEO of the Port to supplement his income by serving on corporate boards? Would you support that in the future?
- The proposal is for a very large export terminal north of here, but the trains of course will run through Seattle and next to the Port of Seattle. Do you support these coal trains;

what would you do to ensure that the impacts are fully evaluated; the Port and its residents are protected?

- Commissioner Albro has announced his support and his plan to raise the salary of Port Commissioners. Right now, Port Commissioners make about \$6,000 a year. He would like to see it raised to the amount that state lawmakers make, which is about \$42,000 a year. He believes it's a great idea and an important idea because of the amount of time it takes to truly be a good Port Commissioner, a higher salary would allow others to serve. Do you agree with the idea of raising the salary of Port Commissioners?
- What role, what concerns do you have about (a SoDo) arena and the Port's business, and the Port didn't join the recent lawsuit over the arena. Should the Port have done that? Should the Port join some of the further legal action that's going to be about the arena?
- The Port has announced a strategic objective to be the greenest, most energy-efficient port in North America. What will you do to further enhance that objective and what in your background shows your concern for these issues and qualifications to lead the Port in obtaining these objectives?
- Name one specific idea to create 100 jobs in one year.
- Fishermen's Terminal is in a competition with ports in Alaska for (the North Pacific) fishing fleet. What would you do to be sure that the fleet at Fishermen's Terminal is supported and enhanced by the Port in competition with those ports in Alaska?
- There is land the Port already has at Terminal 91 that is underused now. How should that land be best used to further the goals of the Port?
- What will you do to enhance, restore if necessary, the trust that people have in the Port of Seattle?

ADJOURNMENT

Following closing statements by each finalist, the public forum concluded at 8:18 p.m.

Bill Bryant
Assistant Secretary
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