

Item Number: 6b motion

Meeting Date: May 27, 2014

**MOTION
OF THE PORT OF SEATTLE COMMISSION
APPOINTING A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION
ETHICS BOARD FOR 2014-2017**

PROPOSED MAY 27, 2014

TEXT OF THE MOTION

The Commission, in accordance with Resolution No. 3681, the Port of Seattle Code of Ethics for Port Commissioners, hereby appoints Professor Anita Ramasastry to serve a three-year term as a member on the Commission Ethics Board effective June 4, 2014, and ending June 3, 2017.

STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION

The Port of Seattle has established a strong and comprehensive ethics program for employees and Port Commissioners to foster high ethical standards, strengthen public trust and confidence in the Port of Seattle, and promote good governance. To further these goals, the Port of Seattle Commission adopted Resolution No. 3681, a revised Code of Ethics for Port Commissioners, on May 14, 2013.

The Code of Ethics for Port Commissioners provides for the appointment by majority vote of an Ethics Board composed of three members “to ensure proper and consistent implementation” of the Code. The Board serves as the formal mechanism to consider all complaints against Port Commissioners and acts as an advisory body to provide guidance on ethical matters to the Port Commission or individual Commissioners upon request.

Anita Ramasastry is a Professor of Law at the University of Washington School of Law and Director of the Graduate Program in Sustainable International Development. She is an expert in the fields of business and human rights, anti-corruption, and commercial law and development. Professor Ramasastry’s current research focuses on the accountability of economic actors in conflict and weak-governance zones.

In 2002, Professor Ramasastry received the University of Washington Distinguished Teaching Award and on three other occasions was selected by students as the Philip A. Trautman Professor of the Year. She has degrees from Harvard and the University of Sydney. Her previous appointments include as a visiting professor and Atlantic Fellow in Public Policy at the Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary Westfield College and as a staff attorney at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.