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**RE: Request for additional information about T46 cruise ship terminal**

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for your interest in and efforts to make Seattle one of the most environmentally progressive ports in North America. We share your goal of healthy communities and habitats and environmental responsibility at the berth and in the waters from Seattle to Alaska.

The Port of Seattle's initiative to build a third cruise ship terminal at Terminal 46 could have enormous and long-lasting consequences for the City of Seattle, the Salish Sea, and the planet. For the sake of transparency and accountability, and in the interest of ensuring the Port of Seattle Commissioners, staff and the public have all the necessary information to make an informed decision about the project, we request that the Port Commission solicits, compiles, and discloses critical information that the public has a right and reason to know. Given that the deadline for responses to the Port of Seattle's Terminal 46 cruise ship terminal Request for Proposals (RFP) passed on September 18, 2019, we believe it is critical this be acted upon quickly. We humbly request that before selection process continues, the Port of Seattle solicit, compile and discloses the following information from the qualifiers:

Criminal and Civil Liability Disclosure

- All entities submitting proposals must disclose any and all violations of criminal federal, state, and local laws and regulations occurring within the last ten years.
- All entities submitting proposals must disclose any and all civil liabilities and lawsuits of the parties involved.

Environmental Impact Disclosure

- Most cruise ships have an official lifespan of thirty years. All entities submitting proposals must present a comprehensive Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) of the volume and types of fuels used and emissions/pollution to be emitted by the type of cruise ships expected to use Terminal 46 for a period of thirty years.
- All entities submitting proposals must conduct an inventory of current and projected emissions based on the proposed changes at Terminal 5 and Terminal 46, using the

EPA's current Methodologies and Best Practices for estimating Greenhouse Gas emissions, including but not limited to CO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>x</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, PM<sub>10</sub>.

- All entities submitting proposals must conduct air dispersion modeling for the Terminal 46.
- All entities submitting proposals must disclose their estimate of the total amount of their discharges for the years 2016, 2017, 2018, including sewage, greywater, oily bilge water, solid waste and hazardous waste.
  - <https://www.epa.gov/vessels-marinas-and-ports/cruise-ship-discharges-and-studies>
- All entities submitting proposals must summarize the EPA's findings of fault...

#### Human Rights Commitment

- The principles of Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) require engaging in government-to-government consultation with regional tribes, including obtaining Free, Prior and Informed consent from the Duwamish, despite their lack of federal recognition.

#### Racial and Economic Justice Commitment

- Require or state preference for progressive hiring/employment practices - i.e. goals for local hires, new apprenticeship opportunity/positions for groups under-represented in the trades, unionized contractors, etc. - to degree that law allows and where not already included in Port contracting regulations.
- Require or state preference for proposals with housing/transportation subsidies for low-wage employees.
- All proposals must be aligned with and consistent with the City of Seattle's environmental and climate-related goals and objectives
- All proposals must adopt the same internal requirement that the City of Seattle development projects be assessed through a progressive "social" or "racial equity" lens. See: [City of Seattle's Race and Social Justice Initiative Racial Equity Toolkit](#).
- This information will and must be published and available to the public at least six weeks before the start of any public comment period.

Thank you for your service, and for taking our concerns, and your role as guardians of the public trust, seriously.

Sincerely,  
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