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RESOLUTION NO. 3768

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A RESOLUTION of the Port of Seattle directing the Executive to implement the Sustainable Evaluation Framework Policy Directive.

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WHEREAS, the Port of Seattle in the Century Agenda commits to create economic opportunity for all, steward our environment responsibly, partner with surrounding communities, institutions, governments and businesses, to promote social responsibility, to conduct ourselves transparently, and to hold ourselves accountable; and

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WHEREAS, the urgency of the climate crisis drives the need for innovative and farreaching solutions; and

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WHEREAS, the Port of Seattle Commission is committed to reducing our carbon footprint by in vesting in solutions to become the greenest and most efficient port in the nation and we are further committed to assisting and incentivizing those we do business to reach these goals; and

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WHEREAS, the Port of Seattle has been a leader in assessing greenhouse gas emissions associated with capital projects and operations, and implementing mitigation strategies that reduce emissions that contribute to climate change; and

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WHEREAS, the Port of Seattle Commission unanimously chartered the Energy and Sustainability Committee by motion on January 26, 2016 tasking the Committee primarily to develop and propose policy directives to guide the Port of Seattle's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions effort, with a focus on energy efficiency and alternative energy generation; and

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WHEREAS, the Port of Seattle Commission set ambitious targets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in alignment with the Paris Climate Agreement and other regional governments; and

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WHEREAS, by 2050, the port committed to make its directly controlled emissions carbon neutral and to reduce its indirectly controlled sourced by 80 percent. We also have a short-term goal in 2020 to reduce direct emissions by 15% and a medium-term goal to reduce direct and indirect emissions by 50. We are currently negotiating the purchase of renewable natural gas that could get us to our 2030 goals in 2020; and

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WHEREAS, the Port of Seattle Commission adopted recommendations of the Committee on December 19, 2017, directing staff to develop a Sustainability Project

39	Framework to assist the port in meeting its greenhouse gas reduction and sustainability goals		
40 41	by integrating sustainability considerations into key Port decisions is essential to achieving the Port's long-term environmental and sustainability goals; and		
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43	WHEREAS, integrating sustainability into capital and operational decisions early in the		
44	process building can reduce or eliminate negative environmental impacts, and can create		
45	positive impacts on our climate and natural environment; and		
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47	WHEREAS, the Sustainability Project Framework is also intended to increase		
48	transparency for the public and Port leadership regarding energy and sustainability related		
49	decision making on Port projects; and		
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51	WHEREAS, transparency for the public is a bedrock principle of this policy, the		
52	Commission will review in public alternatives and trade-offs that describe how a project can		
53	meet its GHG and sustainability goals; and		
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55	WHEREAS, to further support transparency the Commission will review in public how		
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57	that will likely come for authorization in any given year; and		
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59	WHEREAS, the policy will give the Port Commission the ability to transparently		
60	authorize sustainability decisions for capital, operational decisions, procurement and leases by		
61	considering short term financial implications and long term environmental and societal		
62	benefits; and		
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64	WHEREAS, the Port of Seattle's focus on equity issues obligates the Port to consider its		
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67	NOW THEREFORE BE IT RECOVED by the Double Control Commission.		
68	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Port of Seattle Commission:		
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70 71	The Port of Seattle hereby directs the Executive Director to implement the Sustainable		
72	Evaluation Framework Policy Directive attached as Exhibit A.		
73	ADOPTED by the Port of Seattle Commission at a duly noticed public meeting thereof,		
74	held this day of , 2019, and duly		
75	authenticated in open session by the signatures of the commissioners voting in favor thereof		
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