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**RESOLUTION NO. 3767** 1 2 A **RESOLUTION** of the Port of Seattle Commission establishing a Duwamish 3 Valley Community Benefits Commitment Policy 4 Directive to guide the implementation of the 5 6 Duwamish Valley Community Equity Program and 7 other Port operations that impact the Duwamish 8 Valley Community. 9 10 **WHEREAS**, the Port of Seattle is committed to creating economic opportunity for all, 11 12 stewarding our environment responsibly, partnering with surrounding communities, promoting equity and social responsibility, and being transparent and accountable; and 13 14 15 WHEREAS, the Port's Century Agenda states the Port will use its influence as an institution to promote Women and Minority Business Enterprise (WMBE) growth, small business growth, 16 17 and workforce development to include increasing workforce training, job and business 18 opportunities for local communities in trade, travel and logistics; and 19 20 WHEREAS, the Century Agenda also states the Port will be the greenest and most energy-21 efficient port in North America by reducing air pollutants and carbon emission, and restoring, 22 creating and enhancing 40 additional acres of habitat in the Green/Duwamish watershed and 23 Elliott Bay; and 24 25 WHEREAS, the Port recognizes that institutional racism has contributed to both inequities 26 in the distribution of the Port's economic prosperity benefits and to environmental degradation 27 amongst near-Port communities compared to others, particularly those experiencing socio-28 economic challenges; and 29 30 WHEREAS, in 2017 the Port Commission adopted Resolution No. 3736, which was amended by Resolution 3746, establishing a Priority Hire Policy Directive to provide good family 31 32 wage jobs to qualified construction workers from economically distressed areas of King County, 33 including Georgetown and South Park, by increasing access to port projects; and 34 35 WHEREAS, in 2018 the Port Commission adopted Resolution No. 3747 establishing a 36 Welcoming Port Policy Directive to increase engagement with, and support for, immigrant and 37 refugee communities; and 38 39 WHEREAS, in 2018 the Port Commission adopted Resolution No. 3737 establishing a 40 Diversity in Contracting Policy Directive to provide the maximum practicable opportunity for

increased participation by WMBE in Port contracting for public works, consulting services,
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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WHEREAS, the Duwamish Valley Community (Community) consists of a group of people and
organizations that live, work, play, study, or worship in the near-Port neighborhoods of South Park
and Georgetown along the Duwamish River and have been historically or are currently impacted
by economic, racial, and environmental injustices, including the Duwamish People, the first people
of Seattle; and

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

- 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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WHEREAS, the Port seeks alignment with the City of Seattle Resolution 31567 and King County Motion 2015-0167 related to the Duwamish Waterway Cleanup and the health of communities adjacent to the Lower Duwamish Waterway, and other public agencies who have recognized historic and present inequities experienced by the Community, and have launched long-term initiatives within their own operations, such as the City of Seattle's Duwamish Valley Action Plan that addresses environmental justice and equitable development in the community; and

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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 control; and the Port of Seattle has individually already invested nearly \$13 million into thecleanup 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

- 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-convenedn* 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 112

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

- SECTION 1. The Duwamish Valley Community Benefits Commitment as shown in ExhibitA is hereby established.
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SECTION 2: The Duwamish Valley Community Benefits Commitment shall be labeled and
catalogued as appropriate, together with other Commission Policy Directives, and shall
be made readily available for use by Port staff and members of the public as a governance
document of the Port of Seattle.

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129	held this	day of	, 2019, and duly authenticated in open session by the
130	signatures o	f the Commissior	ners voting in favor thereof and the seal of the commission.
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