

**PORT OF SEATTLE**  
**MEMORANDUM**

**COMMISSION AGENDA**

**Item No.** 6a

**Date of Meeting** September 1, 2009

**DATE:** August 18, 2009

**TO:** Tay Yoshitani, Chief Executive Officer

**FROM:** Mary Gin Kennedy, Director of Commission Services

**SUBJECT:** Motion in honor of Labor Day

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Request for the Port Commission to adopt a motion honoring Labor Day.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Organized labor plays an important role at the Port and in Port-related industries. Since its inception, the Port has worked with organized labor to make the Seaport and the Airport among the most competitive in the nation. About half of the Port's workforce is unionized, and over 11,000 union members work in Port-related industries at the Airport and Seaport. The Port's positive relationship with organized labor has fostered mutual cooperation and trust between the Port and its represented employees.

This motion, which expresses the "sense of the Commission," acknowledges the essential role of all of the hard working men and women employed at the Port or in Port-related industries and congratulates them and organized labor on the occasion of Labor Day.