

# **PORT OF SEATTLE COMMISSION**

## **Motion to Appoint a New Commissioner to Fill Vacant Position No. 2**

**March 5, 2013**

### **Statement in Support of Motion**

In accordance with RCW 42.12.070, the Seattle Port Commission (the "Commission") is authorized to appoint a new Commissioner to fill any vacancies on the Commission within 90 days until a successor is elected and qualified at the next general election, which will be held on November 5, 2013. The Commission also amended Article III, Section 4, of the Commission Bylaws on January 22, 2013, to update the appointment process used to fill this vacancy.

On January 10, 2013, Seattle Port Commissioner Gael Tarleton sent the King County Council a letter of resignation effective January 31, 2013, announcing her resignation as a result of her election on November 6, 2012, to represent the 36<sup>th</sup> Legislative District in the Legislature of the State of Washington.

Beginning in December 2012, the Commission widely publicized information about the vacancy and the appointment process to encourage eligible King County citizens to apply for the position. The Commission held an Informational Seminar at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport on January 22 to provide an overview of the Port's operations and give potential applicants an opportunity to learn about the role and responsibilities of Port Commissioners. The Commission also advertised online with several local publications and through social media and contacted the King County Council, the 39 cities in King County and various partnership and stakeholder groups to urge them to share the information about the vacancy widely.

The Commission was pleased by the interest expressed in the position when twenty-nine individuals submitted applications by the February 1, 2013, deadline. At the February 5, 2013, Commission meeting, the applicants addressed the Commission or sent written statements outlining their interest in and qualifications for the position. The Commissioners reviewed the qualifications of the applicants and announced the names of five finalists on February 8, 2013. At that time, the Commission noted the quality and diversity of the applicants and the strength of their applications.

To introduce the finalists to the public, the Commission hosted town hall meetings on February 26 and February 27 in Seattle and Renton where journalists Essex Porter and Robert Mak asked a series of questions designed to test the finalists' knowledge of the issues facing the Port of Seattle and took questions from the audience. These two town hall meetings were excellent ways to learn about the finalists' views and gauge how they would approach many of the issues facing the Commission.

The Commission has carefully considered the qualifications of the five finalists and has decided on the applicant who will best serve the citizens of King County for the remainder of 2013.

### **Motion**

The Seattle Port Commission, in accordance with RCW 42.12.070 and Article III, Section 4, of the Commission Bylaws, hereby selects \_\_\_\_\_ to serve as a Seattle Port Commissioner in Position No. 2 until the successor to the office has been elected and qualified at the general election on November 5, 2013. This appointment expires on December 31, 2013.

The appointment will be effective at 1 p.m. on Friday, March 15, 2013, after \_\_\_\_\_ is administered the Oath of Office.