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Port of Seattle Commissioners
P.O. Box 1209
Seattle, WA 98111

Re: Seaview Boatyard Expansion

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to ask you to support Seaview Boatyard's request to expand their operation. I am writing from two perspectives—first, as a former member of senior management at the Port and, second, in my current capacity, where I am charged with helping to grow jobs and the economy in the maritime sector.

During my time at the Port of Seattle, I had the opportunity to work with Phil Riise and his team at Seaview over many years. They are a very professional organization, committed to quality work for their customers, quality jobs for their employees and environmental stewardship. They have invested a significant amount over the years in improving the site, and implementing best management practices and innovative environmental solutions. As a result of these investments, they have created a real asset, not just for the port, but for their customers and the maritime community as a whole. Seaview now has the opportunity to make additional investments that will allow them to serve the larger boats that are becoming more commonplace in the market. In doing so, they will create more good jobs in the community, while better serving their customer base and increasing the value of your property.

I recently had the opportunity to visit the yard for the first time in many years, and came away extremely impressed with the improvements made over the years, as well as the cleanliness and quality of the entire operation. If you haven't had an opportunity to tour the yard, I encourage you to do so. I believe you will be equally impressed.

I urge you to support Seaview's expansion for the reasons I have stated. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Steve Sewell
Governor's Maritime Sector Lead

Cc: Linda Styrk