

## Port Letter on 1631

Recently, my 7 year old daughter, Mira, and I with about 35 other concerned citizens walked on a 12 mile solution walk from our community garden in SeaTac to here at the Port of Seattle. We walked because my daughter wants to save the planet for her, and all children, and especially her 4-month-old brother, Kai, whom she adores. When she grows up she told me she wants to be a rock star, marine biologist, nurse, and the Governor of Washington. Anyone who has met her knows that she is capable of all four. If we don't act immediately on climate change, there is a reality that she may not be able to achieve any of the four. Well, maybe the rock star because that usually happens before one is 30. We all know that climate change is occurring, and a recent New York Times article cited a report by some of the top scientists saying we have only about 10 years to reverse the trend towards destruction of the planet.

I try to teach my children by example. One of the principles that I have been teaching my daughter is the golden rule: Do unto others as they would do unto you. This is why my daughter and I have testified, done public speaking, helped to get signatures, door belled, met with the governor and politicians, and did the march for the planet on behalf of 1631. It's not a perfect bill as it only effects 80 per cent of the states top polluters, but we believe it's a definite step in the right direction. We always have to remember that the enemy of the good is the great. The people who put 1631 together have made it easier for you to support it as many of your customers, who we all know are major polluters to the environment, are exempt. However, that isn't the reason that you should support this bill. You should support it because you care about your neighbor as yourself.

The reason we walked the 12 miles, on International Good Neighbor Day, was because I wanted to establish that we need to be serious when it comes to pollution, including aviation and shipping, if we are going to care for our children. I commend the Port for providing water bottles, and for walking a mile at the beginning with their neighbors in SeaTac, and for welcoming us at the end with baked goods, what one does on International Good Neighbor day, and opening up this building so we could recover from our journey. It was a walk and talk on 12 different solutions to the aviation industries impact on climate change and pollutions impact on human health. 1631 was one of our solutions.

It takes a village to make a problem, it takes a village to solve it. We all have contributed to the problems of pollution and ultimately climate change, so we need to all do what we can to solve it. The Port needs to do its part. With great power comes great responsibility. Your support for 1631 is a great opportunity for you to use your immense power in Washington to help to save us all.

Sincerely,

Kent Palosaari, Seatac Resident



## Mira's International Good Neighbor Day Walk for Aviation Industry

### Redemption

- The Golden Rule: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.
- "Some people see things as they are, and ask why. I dream of things that never were, and ask why not?' RFK
- If it takes a village to make a problem, then takes a village to solve it. KRP

### Leg I. Community Impact of the Airport

Ice Breaker-Share a good neighbor story with the person you are walking with.

1. What do you enjoy most about living in your community?
2. What are the negative impacts on the communities living next to the airport?
3. Discuss the community impact studies put forth by Rep. Orwall and Rep. Smith. What are their strengths and weaknesses

### LegII: The Physical and Mental health of residents, and especially children

1. What are the main health impacts on airport communities and in particular, the Flight Pattern Kids?
2. Discuss the pros and cons of the current research from the U.W. and the University of Arizona on Nanoparticles and more.
3. Why is thorium central to the above discussion.

### Leg III Airport Expansion

1. What do you think about the SAMP?
2. What kinds of limits would you recommend on SeaTac International Airport?
3. Discuss the pros and cons of a second airport as a solution.

### Leg IV: The airplane addiction

1. What is harmful about frequent flying and what do you think about the 1 in 5 concept that Great Britain encourages?
2. Why are private jets, first class, and business class bad for the environment?
3. Discuss the other forms of transportation. The pros and cons.

### Leg V: Harmful Jet Engines



1. How are jet engines and turbo engines harmful to the environment and human health?
2. What are the strengths and limitations of electric planes and Hybrid planes?
3. Discuss the 5 cent solution.

Leg VI: Wealth before Health

1. What are examples of the aviation industry putting profit before the health of its citizenry or the environment?
2. Discuss the merits and limits of biofuels in airplanes.
3. How can we support green businesses in general and those efforts within the aviation industry?

Leg VII: Unregulated airplanes

1. Discuss your feelings around the airplanes not being under the CAA or the Paris Accord?
2. Why wasn't the airline industry included in 1631 and what are the merits of the overall effort of 1631?
3. What can be done to have smart and effective regulations on the aviation industry?

Leg VIII: Environmental Justice

1. How is the SeaTac airport and environmental justice situation?
2. How do people blame the victim?
3. What do think about the solution of relocation?

Leg IX: Deforestation

1. Why is it a problem to cut down trees around the airport?
2. How many trees do we need for SeaTac airport's carbon footprint?
3. Discuss the tree for every child campaign in Washington state.

Leg X: Climate Change

1. What is the aviation industries Role in Climate change?
2. What does the aviation industry need to do to alter that role?
3. What can you do to lower your individual impact on climate change?

Leg X: Lack of Awareness

1. How educated on the subject of the airline industries impact do you think most people are?
2. Why do you think we in this area don't know much about this subject?
3. What can the media do to help? What can you do to help educate others?

Leg XI: Blame/shame game vs. taking responsibility

1. How do we blame/shame and attack/defend around the problem of airplane pollution?
2. What does responsibility look like in this situation?
3. With great power comes great responsibility. Who has the power and what should be done?

Leg XII: In closing to the Port: The kind of Relationship and help we need.

