

From: [Katie Wilson](#)
To: [Calkins, Ryan](#); [Cho, Sam](#); [Felleman, Fred](#); [Steinbrueck, Peter](#); [Bowman, Stephanie](#)
Cc: [Schinfeld, Eric](#); [Merritt, Mike](#); [Pritchard, Aaron](#); [Commission-Public-Records](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Cancel vote on Biometrics
Date: Saturday, March 7, 2020 9:43:32 AM

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Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to urge that you NOT take action on plans to authorize biometrics at SeaTac airport at your upcoming meeting on March 10th. The public has not had adequate notice and time to engage. Delaying consideration is especially important in light of the escalating concerns around COVID-19, which will prevent many interested people from attending Tuesday's meeting.

Thank you,
Katie

Katie Wilson
General Secretary
Transit Riders Union
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The Transit Riders Union is a democratic organization of working and poor people, including students, seniors, and people with disabilities, taking control over our own lives, and building up the power we need to change society for the good of humanity and of the planet. We will fight to preserve, expand, and improve the public transportation system in Seattle and beyond, so that every human being has access to safe, affordable, and reliable public transit.

From: [Elena Perez](#)
To: [Commission-Public-Records](#)
Cc: [Elena Perez](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment: Vote NO on any actions authorizing Biometrics at the Port of Seattle
Date: Monday, March 9, 2020 10:20:10 PM

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Dear Port Commissioners,

I am writing on behalf of Puget Sound Sage to express our continued opposition to the implementation of facial recognition at SeaTac airport. Facial recognition technology has been found to be racially biased, inaccurate and unnecessary. We have gone on record repeatedly to urge that the commission conduct a thorough investigation of the impacts of this technology. Despite repeated requests for ample opportunity by civil liberties and immigrant rights advocates, data privacy experts, port unions, social justice organizations and concerned travelers and residents to weigh in - this has yet to occur.

Therefore, we urge you on March 10th to vote NO on any action authorizing the Port Executive to award and execute contracts for Biometrics at the Port; to procure hardware, software or services related to Biometrics; or to use port staff and construction toward this purpose.

We also ask this commission to take the following actions to ensure we are not participating in a program that could undermine civil liberties or privacy:

1. Do not collaborate with CBP to roll out the use of facial recognition at SeaTac air-exit terminals;
2. Disallow airlines from collaborating with CBP on the use of facial recognition at SeaTac air-exit terminals; and
3. Communicate to CBP that we expect they operate with a strong and clear “opt in” on facial recognition for anyone not mandated to undergo facial recognition, as opposed to “opt out”.

The public needs more time and opportunity to learn about and weigh in on the issue of biometrics use at SeaTac. We ask you to center first and foremost the rights of travelers and impacted communities in your deliberations and decision-making.

Sincerely,

Elena Perez
Coalition Organizing Director | Puget Sound Sage
c: 206.359.1885

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<https://www.pugetsoundsage.org>

From: [Elena Perez](#)
To: [Calkins, Ryan](#); [Cho, Sam](#); [Felleman, Fred](#); [Steinbrueck, Peter](#); [Bowman, Stephanie](#)
Cc: [Schinfeld, Eric](#); [Merritt, Mike](#); [Pritchard, Aaron](#); [Commission-Public-Records](#); [Gheisar, Bookda](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] URGENT: Please Cancel Biometrics Agenda Items on 3/10
Date: Saturday, March 7, 2020 2:19:31 PM
Attachments: [Sea-Tac Biometric Exit Letter.pdf](#)

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Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of Puget Sound Sage and other organizations and individuals directly impacted by decision-making around Biometrics at the Port of Seattle, I am urging you to cancel any agenda items for March 10th related to Biometrics.

I am someone who has been actively tracking this issue, from the day I read the Seattle Times story on Delta bringing Facial Recognition to Seatac in Nov 2019, to the last Port Commission meeting where I, with others, sat for FOUR hours from the time I made my 2-minute public comment to when our agenda item was discussed. And, despite this effort to track decision-making, I have been continually blindsided by decisions and conversations that appear to be happening outside of the public sphere.

On December 10th, you were adamant that the issue of Biometrics would be fully investigated and developed in an open, transparent way with accountability to community stakeholders and impacted communities. The timeline offered was for the Internal workgroup to develop recommendations in Q1 2020, and for policy to be developed in Q2 based on recommendations. Instead, what we have seen is decisions being made throughout Q1 that are very intentionally steering us toward a Port owned and managed biometrics system without full engagement of the public. An RFP was posted in January for biometrics at international departures. A committee was established by you to liaise with the Internal workgroup with NO transparency or accountability to the public. And now, you have scheduled a vote on authorizing the Port Executive to purchase and install biometrics - knowing that same Executive made a written commitment to CBP in 2018 to do this very thing (attached).

Moving forward in this manner with a vote next week violates the trust and accountability that you have attempted to build with us and other community stakeholders. We urge you to cancel any agenda items related to Biometrics for March 10th and for any following meetings while we are under a public health state of emergency. We as community stakeholders, even with our best efforts, have found the barriers to be substantial in tracking and engaging in this important decision. The timeline and sense of urgency we are under now is manufactured by industry/profit interests, not by the interests of impacted communities or by mandates to CBP

by Congress. We have the time to do this right, and we urge you to reflect on commitments made on December 10th and redouble efforts for authentic public engagement.

Sincerely,

Elena Perez

Coalition Organizing Director | Puget Sound Sage

c: 206.359.1885

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From: [Derek Lum](#)
To: [Calkins, Ryan](#); [Cho, Sam](#); [Felleman, Fred](#); [Steinbrueck, Peter](#); [Bowman, Stephanie](#); [Schinfeld, Eric](#); [Merritt, Mike](#); [Pritchard, Aaron](#); [Commission-Public-Records](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please postpone the March 10th meeting
Date: Monday, March 9, 2020 12:03:00 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of InterIm CDA, I am messaging you to ask that tomorrow's hearing be postponed until a later date when there is not a public health emergency happening. This commission pledged to a transparent process in earlier meetings, and holding a meeting on an issue such as the authorization of biometrics during a public meeting during a public health crisis would be a violation. Especially since this crisis stipulates that large numbers of people should not gather in one place.

We ask that you cancel and reschedule for a later date.

Thank you,

Derek Lum, Equitable Development Policy Analyst (he/him)
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From: [White, Paul](#)
To: [Smith, Lauren \(Commission\)](#)
Cc: [Commission-Public-Records](#)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Postpone Mar 10 Mtg re Face Recognition Software
Date: Monday, March 9, 2020 4:25:51 PM

Another for the written pile.

From: Valdez, Veronica <Valdez.V@portseattle.org>
Sent: Monday, March 9, 2020 3:13 PM
To: White, Paul <White.P@portseattle.org>
Cc: Pritchard, Aaron <Pritchard.A@portseattle.org>; correspondence@spmail.portseattle.org; Schinfeld, Eric <Schinfeld.E@portseattle.org>
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Postpone Mar 10 Mtg re Face Recognition Software

From: R. Rubenstein <rrubenst@umich.edu>
Sent: Monday, March 9, 2020 2:49 PM
To: Bowman, Stephanie <Bowman.S@portseattle.org>; Calkins, Ryan <Calkins.R@portseattle.org>; Cho, Sam <Cho.S@portseattle.org>; fellerman.f@portseattle.org; Steinbrueck, Peter <Steinbrueck.P@portseattle.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Postpone Mar 10 Mtg re Face Recognition Software

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Dear Port of Seattle Commissioners:

I'm writing to express concern about the implementation of face surveillance at SeaTac. I urge the Port Commission to postpone the public hearing on this issue until there is time for the required public consideration. There are serious issues with this technology that make it biased and unreliable.

Given the COVID-19 public health crisis and the lack of adequate public outreach about biometrics use at the Port, I encourage this meeting to be rescheduled so that the public can engage and weigh in. As elected officials, the Port Commissioners must listen to the public's concerns before making a decision.

Thank you.

Best,
Rheta Rubenstein
she/her/hers
Ridgefield, WA 98642

From: [tynaek](#)
To: [Commission-Public-Records](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Port's Use of Facial Biometric Technology at SeaTac
Date: Monday, March 9, 2020 10:11:08 PM

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The proposed extensive use of facial biometric technology at SeaTac is too controversial in Seattle to have the public meeting while we're in the throws of a public health crisis and being told to stay home. Allowing email comments is an inadequate substitute for being part of an important discussion concerning personal privacy, racial bias and to what extent we want to be complicit with CBP/ICE.

I strongly oppose the proposed use of this technology that I do not think is worth the compromise of our values, and I ask that you permit public debate when people can attend a meeting without violating public health advice and when they are not understandably distracted by an emergency that threatens their health and livelihood.

Tyna Ek
Seattle

From: [Mary Anne Speigel](#)
To: [Commission-Public-Records](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Airline noise and pollution
Date: Friday, March 6, 2020 9:18:41 AM

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Dear Port Commission Members,

There is sufficient scientific data to stress the importance of placing limits on air traffic. One public health study indicated the increase in heart disease in seniors over 65 related to airline noise. I am a Mt Baker resident for 12 years and the level of noise has increased dramatically. One morning last week a plane was flying so low that I wondered about an explosion. My husband had to build a soundproof booth to be able to make audio recordings due to airline noise caught on tape. I have previously lived for 16 years on Mercer Island and the difference is huge.

I believe another major airport is the only answer. I understand that you must consider the business needs of Boeing and the airlines. But please consider your constituents' health needs as well. In lieu of another airport, please do not add additional runways and insist that the air traffic is shared equally (South Seattle carries way too much burden), insist on reduced plane speeds and heights. And I recently read that our air pollution is equal to Los Angeles

We voters are observing. Thanks for your concern and efforts,

Mary Anne Balch Speigel
Seattle

From: laura.gibbons
To: [Commission-Public-Records](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] For the Port Commission meeting 3/10.
Date: Sunday, March 8, 2020 4:00:48 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

This is from Laura Gibbons, a member of the climate justice group 350 Seattle, and a Seattle resident.

I am pleased to hear of all the Port of Seattle is doing to make its SeaTac ground operations more environmentally sustainable, but ground operations are only a small part of the environmental impact of flying.

SeaTac-related carbon emissions rose 40% from 2008 to 2016 (<https://www.seattle.gov/environment/climate-change/climate-planning/performance-monitoring>) and the Port forecasts double the travel in 2034 (<https://www.portseattle.org/sites/default/files/2018-05/TM-No-04-Forecasts-of-Aviation-Activity.pdf>).

There is no way we can meet climate change goals with this sort of growth in aircraft emissions. Only a trivial amount of flying can be powered by biofuels. The only viable option is less air travel, not more. That should be the focus of your planning. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Laura Gibbons
Seattle
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From: [JOHN A BIRNEL](#)
To: [Commission-Public-Records](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony for 3/10/20 Port Meeting
Date: Sunday, March 8, 2020 5:16:23 PM

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Hello: My name is John Birnel. I live in Seattle and am a member of the climate justice group 350 Seattle.

I am impressed with all the Port is doing on the ground. E.g., the program that is resulting in far fewer emissions from trucks picking up and delivering shipping containers.

However, airline travel is not a minor part of our local Greenhouse Gas Emissions. Seattle's [city's most recent GHG emission inventory](#) reveals that aviation emissions are 21.7% of our emissions.

I would like to see the Port be part of a campaign to encourage people to travel by plane much less. I know that the coronavirus is temporarily reducing flights locally. However, with SeaTac-related carbon emissions on the rise generally- 40% from 2008 to 2016, and forecasts of double the travel by 2034, it would be advisable to do our part to reduce, rather than exacerbate, climate change.

I hope a campaign to reduce flying can be part of the Port's overall plan.

Hello, I am Bernedine Lund, a resident of Federal Way, a member of Quiet Skies Puget Sound and 350 Seattle.

Thank you for reading the submitted public comments. My comments continue from those I made about the SAMP at the last meeting on Feb 25th. At that meeting, I know that saying 'you could consider holding the number of flights steady or even reducing them' surprised some of you. I was thinking of recent articles that asked something like "What if seeing the world is causing its destruction?"

Challenge yourselves and staff to look at transportation in different ways. Alternative transportation is being developed and built in other countries and even in the US in the mid-west, including high speed trains and hyperloops. The facilities at the airport could be used to move large numbers of people with trains. During one downturn in aviation, even Boeing engineers starting looking at hyperloop trains. Another possibility is to use more electronic communication, even for business meetings. Again, the airport facilities could be used for connecting people from around the world without having to fly.

To get a broader view of possibilities, watch or read *The Ascent of Man* by Jacob Bronowski. It describes how industries come and go as they are replaced by those with newer technologies. The move away from fossil fuels and toward clean energy is a recent example. We now need to move away from the pollution and noise caused by the airline industry toward something that is sustainable and not harmful to people and our climate.

From: [Seatac16](#)
To: [Commission-Public-Records](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public comment, March 10 2020 commissioners" meeting
Date: Monday, March 9, 2020 8:24:44 PM

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[To Commissioners of the Port Of Seattle]
[Email, for public comment at March 10 2020 meeting]
[from James Hodson]

How to get a Drug-Free-Zone on Port property.

"Somebody's gonna get hurt . . . real bad." That was the threat in my face from the biggest drug dealer in the homeless camp, who walked up to me while I was sitting in the security shed at camp. Then he just walked away, glaring at me.

It did happen. Five weeks later to the day, the camp "organizer" died, very unexpectedly, under unexplained circumstances. And over these ten weeks since the death, Derelict Contractor is nowhere to be found. Derelict Contractor has materially abandoned its own contract.

This is Interbay homeless camp. Cast adrift, threatened and ruined by drug people. City Of Seattle hired the wrong contractor, which during 2018-2019 knowingly and willfully set this camp up as a drug trafficking hideout, with reckless disregard for well-being . . . life . . . property . . . and the law. And all of this is on Port Of Seattle property.

Drug rumors always fly around camp, but they all summarize as follows. Interbay is a Schedule One Schedule Two illegal drug production facility that has been monetized, using stolen property to get some of the cash for drugs. And there is a drug connection spreading out elsewhere.

It is insufferable. It seems like no power on earth can get these drug people to move off the property. Stacks of written complaints, by dozens of law-abiding homeless, were thrown in the dumpster by Derelict Contractor. SPD police will not go in there. So I am escalating by talking to you and many government agencies.

In February I learned that what Port Of Seattle really wants is a Drug-Free-Zone in Interbay homeless camp.

Just days ago, I thought of a completely legal way to get

this Drug-Free-Zone in Interbay camp, so that it is done in a matter of weeks.

But there is a catch. This is politics. I cannot fix that. Derelict Contractor is a decades-old, powerful real estate company. Even though it is their fault for not taking any material action to remove illegal drug trafficking, they use their company's weight as if they are too big to fail.

The first step that must be taken is to fire Derelict Contractor. That is going to be a heavy lift politically, but it has got to happen.

Next, the Port and the City will have to hire a law-abiding contractor, if they want Interbay homeless camp to survive. My company is capable of following the law that will achieve Drug-Free-Zone in Interbay camp, by following an action plan in writing, pre-approved by the lawyers.

There are many details. We can work that out, if there is a real interest by the Port and the City.

From: [nodie sullivan](#)
To: [Commission-Public-Records](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT for March 10, 2020
Date: Monday, March 9, 2020 5:09:16 PM

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I am writing to ask that the Port Authority work with Vashon Island's Fair Skies group to install two noise monitors on the island as agreed last year. A great deal of time has passed with no action and no information! Vashon Island Park District has approved the use of public land for placement of one of the monitors. Perhaps the PA does not understand the impact that the steady stream of low overhead traffic has on Vashon residents. One of the planes flew SO low over my home last week that I could read the numbers on the plane! The noise is devastating! Additionally, I request that Port Authority keep the raw noise data which may be useful to a number of groups. The storage burden is VERY LOW and the summarization of the data is not adequate. Additionally, it gives the appearance of obfuscating information from the public. I am also again applying for a property tax reduction due to the noise from overhead planes, so this has a huge economic impact on WA economy!

Norah M. Sullivan
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From: [Sheila Doane](#)
To: [Commission-Public-Records](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment: Port of Seattle Commission Mtg - March 10, 2020
Date: Monday, March 9, 2020 6:47:42 PM

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Based on a recent update from Vashon Island Fair Skies, I understand the raw data collected from the two temporary noise monitors destined to Vashon/Maury Island will be destroyed and only the summary results retained. I ask the Port Commissioners to reconsider its record retention policy, as having the raw data is critical in documenting and analyzing the acute noise disruption our community is now experiencing. Averages don't necessarily paint an accurate picture, and the cost associated with storage of the raw data is minimal.

In addition, I ask the Port Commissioners to take Dave Goebel, President of Vashon Island Fair Skies, up on his offer to assist the Port's Noise Office in identifying ideal locations on Vashon/Maury Island to locate the temporary noise monitors, as well as help facilitate discussions with stewards of public lands of the islands.

Thank you,
Sheila Doane
9015 SW Summerhurst Road
Vashon, WA 98070

Sent from my iPad

From: [Donna Baxter](#)
To: [Commission-Public-Records](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Air Noise Vashon Island
Date: Monday, March 9, 2020 7:14:32 PM

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Dear Port Commissioner's,

In the interest of time, I will keep this brief.

In regard to the Noise Monitor on Vashon Island, I ask that the SeaTac Noise Office work directly with the Vashon Island Fair Skies on the noise monitor, they have a potential solution for locating the monitor. Also, destroying the raw data is NOT OK. The very modest "Time History Files" MUST be retained. There is no technical problem retaining the data, it's purely a procedural and policy issue.

Finally, I request the Noise Office regularly post the "Complaint Box Chart" on the Port's web site. The public shouldn't have to make record requests to get this information.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Donna Baxter
A Vashon Island Resident

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From: [Sue Nebeker](#)
To: [Commission-Public-Records](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Airport noise
Date: Monday, March 9, 2020 7:53:24 PM

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My name is Susan Nebeker. My husband and I live on Maury Island which is part of Vashon Island. We have lived here for over 38 years. For most of our time here we lived a very quiet, peaceful life. That is no longer the case. We can no longer entertain on our deck, we no longer sleep through the night and often the noise of the planes are so loud we think they are going to crash on our house. There are several low flying planes through the night that are so loud it wakes us up, that is with a noise canceling machine and older peoples hearing problems. Of course the planes fly low all day long as well. We have never minded sharing with all the neighborhoods but I am very clear judging by friends comments that this is quite extraordinary and off putting. I know we are getting more than our fair share.

I would like to ask that the port be cognizant of the arbitrary decisions that are being made that have very serious long term impact on the citizens. To that end I would like to ask for more transparency. I think it is reasonable to ask for the following:

1. Please have the Sea Tac noise office work directly with Vashon Island Fair Skies as it relates to the noise monitor. They can be a wonderful asset.
2. Do not destroy the raw data from the monitor. The time history files must be retained. This is an issue of transparency.
3. Please post the Complaint box charts on the Port web site.

I think when we work together, are transparent and really listen solutions should and can be found.

Thank you,
Susan Nebeker

From: [J.A.H.](#)
To: [Commission-Public-Records](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] For Meeting of Port of Seattle 3/10/20 9 AM
Date: Monday, March 9, 2020 8:52:26 PM

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Good Morning.
This comment is from Jo Ann Herbert
Vermontville Rd SW Vashon
206-567-5852

Re: Noise Pollution and proposed noise monitor

We ask that the Sea- Tac Noise Office work with us at Vashon Fair Skies to proceed with putting in place a noise monitor. The expense and time involved to obtain this data is worth archiving the data (2 MB/day-minuscule). We would like this to be part of the policy decision.

Also for the noise office, please regularly post the Complaint Box Chart on the website for the public easy access. I think you would agree that a person should not have to make a records request for this data.

Thank you for this open mtg and the ability to share my perspective.
J.H.

Port of Seattle

Public Comment, March 10, 2020

Dear Port of Seattle;

My wife and I retired on Vashon due to its rural feeling, small town feeling, and quiet environment. Two of those things are gone now due to the constant noise we have from the flyovers. The NextGen flyovers are abusive and discriminatory and have destroyed the natural environment of our community.

Vashon does not have a city council to give us a voice against these flyovers. The only collective voice we have is a local group, Vashon Island Fair Skies, to help us fight this abusive program. I am asking you to work closely with them on all matters relating to the noise we constantly must endure due to these flyovers.

Vashon has a very low ambient noise level and when a plane flies over, it is incredibly noticeable. It drowns out everything since there isn't any other noise for it to blend in with. This is why the noise monitors are essential for us to help you understand what we are dealing with. You must keep all the **raw sound level data** for an accurate assessment. **Time History Files** must be saved. Preserving this type of data is Vashon's evidence and a public record.

I have made many complaints about the noise, but it's starting to feel like a useless action. There are far more planes now than last year, and they are much noisier. It took the Port Authority such a long time to recognize the noise problems on Vashon and it seems like they still don't care. I am now asking you to listen to us, work with Vashon Island Fair Skies, and begin to record the terrible air noise you are subjecting us to.

Thank you.

Alex Echevarria

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From: [Chris Bollweg](#)
To: [Commission-Public-Records](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Aircraft noise monitoring under the flight path on Vashon is important to me
Date: Monday, March 9, 2020 11:23:42 PM

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Next Gen is an operational practice that unfairly singles out places to suffer more than their fair share of the negative consequences of air traffic.

Excessive noise from overflights on Vashon is more than simply a nuisance. It is a serious cause of social harm. In the thirty years I have lived on Vashon, I find its people engaged and civic minded. Since Next Gen with its anxiety making overflights, things are frantic, dogs barking, people grumbling, erratic traffic, wildlife scattering, people staying more indoors, turning up their TV's and radios and yelling at each other just to be heard over the line up. Relationships are stressed by the constant interruption.

I no longer open windows for fresh air because of the noise. I am awoken too early in the morning with dread of incoming aircraft. Evenings in my yard too are dominated by the roar of jet engines. Noise, deprivation of sleep, powerlessness in the face of interruption are techniques of torture.

Once treasured houses under the flight path are systematically put on the market as long time residents give up on the place. Property tax assessments will have to consider the loss of value for the entire swath of the island subject to this nuisance. Property owners subject to excessive noise from overflights are suffering what constitute a taking and damage to property.

I have concerns too about concentrating fine particulate emissions from jet exhausts.

Aircraft noise monitoring under the flight path on Vashon is important to me, so you don't have to take my word that there is a problem.

Please do not create disincentives to public participation. The Noise Office should regularly post "Complaint Box Chart" on the Port's web site.

The SeaTac Noise office would benefit from working with David Goebel of Vashon Island Fair Skies, on the noise monitor, as he respects civic process, and understands in detail how his community is affected.

Please conserve all the raw data from the monitors as a matter of record.

When the North Flow happens, and there is less air traffic here, it is startling to witness the positive change in my neighborhood. Birds sing. We can hear ourselves think. We can hear each other.

Please help us protect the peace and quiet values of a rural community.

Join us in protecting a resource for the whole metropolitan area. Seattle-Tacoma needs exactly this kind of place nearby.

Help avert the legal and tax base issues that will be costly for everyone.

I hope that the commission makes quick work of getting the data they need. The mitigation of further environmental and social harm should be a priority.

Christopher Bollweg 20405 Chautauqua Beach Rd. SW Vashon 98070

From: [Karen Lamplough](#)
To: [Commission-Public-Records](#)
Cc: [Karen Lamplough](#); [David Goebel](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Vashon island noise monitoring of planes
Date: Monday, March 9, 2020 11:27:40 PM

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Dear Commission-

I am an 8 yr resident of Vashon island that lives on the north end of the island.

The planes fly directly over my house and I can see them easily through my sky lights.

The noise is non stop - and especially active from 9pm - 12am starting back up at 4:30am. With my windows closed... still loud.

Like many residents that moved here- I have high sensitivity to noise. My neighbor has late stage Parkinson's disease. We moved here for the quality of live that is now being destroyed.

It is within your capacity to help your constituents.

Please do not hide behind the FAA but stand up for us... you are elected by us; you are our voice.

Thank you.

Best regards,

Karen Lamplough
11638 103rd Ave SW
Vashon, WA. 98070

Sent from my iPhone

From: takhoma@comcast.net
To: [Commission-Public-Records](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Port of Seattle Commission Meeting, 3/10/2020, Public Comment - Vashon/Maury Island noise monitor
Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 1:19:11 AM

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This is an emailed public comment from Richard Rotruck, resident of Vashon/Maury Island.

I spoke to you on Oct. 22, 2019 regarding the significant negative noise impacts to our island of concentrated flight paths created by the FAA's NextGen arrival procedures.

At that meeting I requested your help, along with many other islanders.

We asked for two permanent noise monitors - one located on the north end of Vashon Island to monitor the impacts of south flow at Seatac and one located on the south end of Maury Island to monitor the impacts of north flow at Seatac.

Noise monitors are critical to gathering data to take to the FAA to ask them to change the flight paths associated with NextGen.

At your meeting on Nov. 19, 2019 you approved a portion of this request.

Your Noise Office will install one portable noise monitor for one year on Vashon Island. Although we were disappointed in this very limited monitoring, we need this one temporary monitor to be installed as soon as possible.

Your Noise Office is not being transparent on their plans to install this monitor. I feel that our issues are not a priority. Please direct your Noise Office to be transparent and responsive to our requests. Since we are in unincorporated King County, the best contact on Vashon/Maury Island for this issue is the Vashon Island Fair Skies organization (vifs.org).

Also, please direct your Noise Office to retain and make public all raw data collected from this monitor. There is no reason to provide only summary data. This is especially important since only one year of data will be collected from only one monitor. The goal is to use a scientific approach to gather meaningful data on the significant impacts of NextGen aircraft noise on Vashon/Maury Island.

Thank you for listening to our requests and for acting on them.

Richard Rotruck

From: [Kathryn Payne](#)
To: [Commission-Public-Records](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment for Port Meeting - March 10
Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 6:59:04 AM

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I have developed heart palpitations and anxiety due to the relentless noise of commercial aircraft over my home. Yes, I live under the “red line” on the North End of Vashon Island. At first, I thought I would “get used to it” – but there is not a way to get used to it. No matter the tricks I play, the roars, whistles and wind harmonics penetrate my brain and every single room of my house, even the basement.

Summer will soon be here, and if it is anything like last summer, open windows that once let in the night sounds, will give way to sleepless nights. Gardening once a healthy and joyous activity has turned into something I just want to get done, damaging my psyche making me want to move far away – which is just not possible. Nearly every day I check the wind direction...“*please be a north wind*” I say to myself. Because that means a day of relief from life under the red line.

Here is a concrete example of how I no longer enjoy parts of my life. Every season for the past 10 years I have hosted music concerts at my house, in part because I have a gorgeous grand piano. The sound of commercial aircraft over my home, often every 2 minutes, one after the other has taken away the ability to host my musician friends. The Airbus planes are the worst, sending a high pitched whistle announcing their flyover for what seems like forever. Before it fades, another...then another. Music does not stand a chance over the sounds of an Airbus 300 just 6,000 feet screaming over your head. Though they often fly much lower – just for the record.

What is happening to us is a terrible injustice. Why drag out a solution until the residents lose all patience and resort to a lawsuit?

Kathryn Payne
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Comment Port of Seattle March 10 Meeting

From: [Tanya Roberts](#)
To: [Commission-Public-Records](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT for March 10, 2020
Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 7:55:09 AM

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I live on Vashon and am concerned about the huge increase in the number of planes flying over my house, mostly from the south to the north but also from the east to the west. Today I am making three requests of the Port of Seattle:

- 1) Ask the SeaTac Noise Office to work directly with Vashon Island Fair Skies on the noise monitor,
- 2) Tell the Commission that destroying the raw data is not OK. The very modest "Time History Files" **must** be retained, and
- 3) Ask that the Noise Office regularly post this "Complaint Box Chart" on the Port's web site. The public shouldn't have to make records requests to get this data.

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From: [david oldham](#)
To: [Commission-Public-Records](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Requests from Vashon Island
Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 8:05:54 AM

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Please:

Have SeaTac Noise Office work directly with Vashon Island Fair Skies on the noise monitor.

Destroying the raw data is not OK. The very modest "Time History Files" **must** be retained.

Please have the Noise Office regularly post the "Complaint Box Chart" on the Port's web site. The public shouldn't have to make records requests to get this data.

Thank you for your attention to these matters,

David R. Oldham
Vashon Island resident

From: [susan powell](#)
To: [Commission-Public-Records](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT for March 10, 2020
Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 8:36:23 AM

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I request that the SeaTac Noise Office work directly with Vashon Island Fair Skies on the noise monitor and locate it at Wingehaven for accurate reporting.

Please retain the “Time History Files” downloading all the raw data. These measures are necessary to evaluate the serious impacts plane noise has on my life and those of my island neighbors.

Thank you,

Susan Powell

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Vashon WA 98070

From: [carey huffman](#)
To: [Commission-Public-Records](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Email Submitted Public Comment for the Upcoming Port Commission Meeting
Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 8:52:44 AM

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Hello,

Please read the following comments at the next Port Commission Meeting during the Public Comment Section:

I would like to address the Noise Monitor siting process on Vashon Island. I am requesting to put the monitor under the location with the most overflights at the lowest altitude. I understand the Port Commission has required that it be placed on public land which precludes the optimal site. However, I also understand that the Vashon Park District has agreed to allow the noise monitor to be placed on its public property and has even suggested an upper section of Wingehaven Park. As my home is located at the western edge of Wingehaven Park, I can tell you that the plane noise above my house is incredibly disruptive and that I feel this is the best location given the Port Commission's requirement that it be on public land. One of the primary reasons I bought my house on Vashon Island was the peace and quiet of my property. Stepping outside yielded no noise other than the wind through the trees and birdsong. Now, with the altered flight paths and lower altitudes of planes crossing directly above my property on an almost continuous basis, I hear the loud shriek of jet plane engines instead. Please make the process of locating the Noise Monitor more open and transparent so that we can begin to collect data to demonstrate the noise pollution caused by the altered flight paths and lower altitude flights. These changes have taken away the tranquility of my home and I ask you sincerely for your help.

Additionally, I understand that current procedure with the Port's Noise Monitors is to only retain summary results and destroy the raw sound level data, which is stored second by second in the noise monitor and easily downloaded. In order to show the drastic impact these increased flights at lower altitude have on my quality of life, it is an absolute requirement that the raw data be archived. I understand it amounts to only ~2MB of additional data storage per day, which is almost nothing by today's standards. I have been told the term for this data in the Noise Monitor is the "Time History File" and that there is no technical problem retaining the raw data. As it appears that keeping this data is purely a procedural and policy issue, I implore to please make the necessary changes so that this imperative data is not lost. As I make this request, I ask you to imagine one of your favorite things about your home being taken from you because that is how this increased noise has affected my the quality of my life. My home use to a sanctuary to which I returned after a hard day's work in downtown Seattle and these low flying repetitive flights are taking that from me.

In closing, I ask that you please work directly with Vashon Island Fair Skies on the noise monitor, and that you do not destroy the raw data from the Noise Monitor as the very easily stored "Time History Files" must be retained.

Thank You,

Carey Huffman

Vashon Island Resident

From: [David Goebel](#)
To: [Commission-Public-Records](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public comment for 3/10/2020 Commission Meeting
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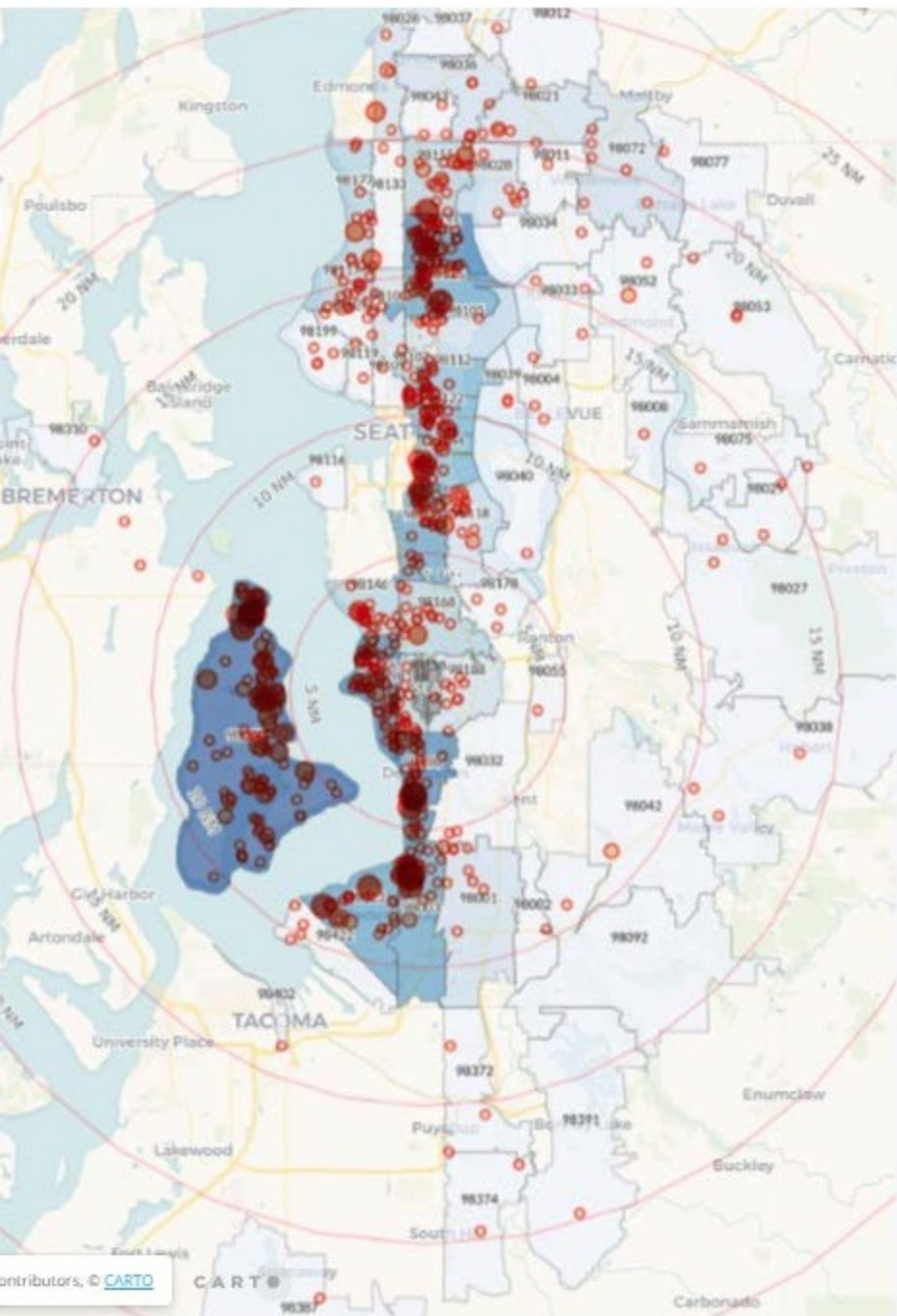
My name is David Goebel, the President of Vashon Island Fair Skies.

I have several requests:

- (1) To directly participate with the noise office on the very delayed Vashon Island noise monitor site selection & design.
- (2) That the "Time History File" on the Larson Davis 831C noise monitor that the Port will be using be regularly downloaded and retained by the Port before Harris purges the data from the monitor.
- (3) The Port licensed, at not insignificant expense, the "Complaint Box" software from PlaneNoise, Inc. last summer. It generates the very useful charts such as the one submitted to the record. If the Noise Office won't publish these on their web site, I would ask that the Commission do so on their web site.

Thank You

Presented in October 2019



Households
732

Households per City

ALL SELECTED

SEATTLE 280

VASHON 114

BURIEN 77

FEDERAL WAY 56

DES MOINES 41

OTHER 164

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] support for motion 2020-05
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Please record my strong support of this motion to continue the Port's work with Highline School District to develop a marine and ocean sciences high school.

I have been encouraging members of the Seattle School Board to join this consortium.

I am an emeritus UW professor and hope to generate support from the University for this endeavor.

Stephen Sulzbacher, Ph.D.

Emeritus Associate Professor