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Thank you for postponing cruise ship and SEATAC expansion plans during this period of economic re-structuring. This is probably your last chance to re-do the mission of the port. Rewrite your charter. Have the legislature sign off on the new mission.

Your only job, as human beings, to save lives, is to shut down as quickly as possible all non-essential shipping, cruises, and air travel.  
It's my job too. But I'm just a volunteer. We're all in this together.

We have plenty of facilities and commerce. Shouldn't the Port now use resources to build us into a more just society, a less murderous one? One that does not rob every citizen too young to vote, rob them of their basic universal inalienable rights to life and liberty and a world to live on? That seems like a key metric for success at the Port.

Younger ones will not get to know Earth their home as the amazing biosphere that supports you and me.  
The most vulnerable deserve our care, and a planet to grow old on. They are also citizens with rights.  
You and I steal from them every time we ignite the engine, and pretend there's no other way. If only they could prosecute us today for what they will suffer because of your decisions. What is our crime? What will history say of us?

Do not build a new terminal for pleasure cruises which were morally, scientifically and legally deadly prior to coronavirus.  
Do not expand SEATAC operations, ever. We have plenty of gates for the fully electric aircraft BOEING keeps teasing, due in probably 2075.

You have great power. "What is the real job of a Port Commission in a fully-developed fossil-fueled economy for a post-pandemic society accelerating abrupt extinction events if we 're-open' as before?"

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*The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade one never expects to sit.* --Nelson  
Henderson