

SBAAC

Small Business Airport Action Committee

coming together is a beginning – keeping together is progress – working together is success

May 26th 2020

Commissioner Stephanie Bowman
Commissioner Sam Cho
Commissioner Peter Steinbrueck
Managing Director Lance Lyttle
CC: Mike Merritt

Commissioner Ryan Calkins
Commissioner Fred Felleman
Executive Director Stephen Metruck
Senior Manager Dawn Hunter

Sent via email

RE: SBAAC May 26th 2020 Port Commissioner Meeting Testimony

Thank you, Commissioners, Port Executives and ADR Staff.

My name is Kathy Casey, In the interest of time efficiency, I am offering, this testimony on behalf of all 22 business members of the SBAAC - Small Business Airport Action Committee. For the record, we will submit a written copy of this testimony with the name of all members included.

The relief plan the Port Staff is presenting today has the support of SBAAC and our appreciation for that proposal.

At the April 28th Commission Meeting many of our members expressed concerns about COVID's impact on the viability of the ADR Concession program, particularly for small, women and minority owned businesses. We appreciate your listening and taking our concerns to heart. Since that meeting, we have had many follow up discussions with most of you and participated in several working meetings with Lance Lyttle and Dawn Hunter.

These meetings helped clarify the challenges all parties face and to uncover shortfalls in some of the operating agreements and norms that had been established over the years. We hope our efforts and input were a positive contribution to this process and set the example for future collaboration.

While the solution before you does not provide for everything we believe is necessary, particularly in the area of actual rent relief, we understand the Port has to balance many competing demands. Once travel restrictions are lifted and we have insight into what the new normal looks like and how it impacts all our operations, we hope we can continue our dialog and collaboration to address the challenges we face.

Thank you for your leadership and concern expressed throughout this process

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kathy Casey, Steward, SBAAC Owner, Lucky Louie Fish Shack	David Fukuhara Steward, SBAAC Owner, Concourse Concessions LLC
Nat Stratton-Clarke Steward, SBAAC Owner, Floret by Café Flora	David Montanaro Steward, SBAAC Owner, Pallino Seatac LLC
Daniel Nguyen & Katherine Lam Owners, Bambuza and 9th & Pike	Tom Small Co- CEO, The Yarrow Group, LLC, DBA Evergreens
Kurt Beecher Dammeier Owner, Beechers Handmade Cheese	Robert Comiskey Owner, McDonald's
Stacy House Owner, Lucky Louie Fish Shack	Max Heigh Owner, Poke to the Max
Sandy Sun President , Manchu Wok	LeeAnn Subelbia Owner, BF Foods
Jean Thompson Owner, Seattle Chocolate	Jennifer Longley Owner, Planewear
Michele Manasse Owner, Fireworks	Danialle An Owner, Chalo
Rod O'Neal & Jerry Whitsett Sea-Tac Bar Group, LLC; Africa Lounge, Mountain Room	Vera Maldonado United Indians of All Tribes Foundation; Sacred Circle
Marcus Smith Owner, Lucky Shoe Shine	Stephanie Hara & Greg Laverseyn Owners, Show Pony
Kathy Taylor Owner, Dilettante	Megan & Russell Wagstaff Lady Yum, LLC Lady Yum