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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Commission meeting on July 14th (tomorrow)
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Thank you!

I wanted to pass along my public comment that I'll be giving tomorrow over the phone, in case it is helpful for Commissioners to have a written copy as well.

My comments are regarding agenda items 7a & 9b.

Thank you for heeding some of my prior feedback regarding draft Motion 2020-15 items 4g and 4h. However, the Executive Director's moratorium on police use of facial recognition technology is not sufficient. The Commission should explicitly ban the use of facial recognition technology by both the Port of Seattle Police Department and private security firms contracted by either the Port or Port tenants. Additionally the Commission should reverse the decision to work with CBP to build a face surveillance system.

Per agenda item 9b materials, the Port is facing a significant decline in revenue. The Commission should rescind its approval given on March 10th, 2020, to fund a Biometric Air Exit system at a cost of \$5,715,000. This is not required to be funded by the Port; and the Port gains no meaningful improvements or control by executing the technology themselves, which threat modeling would have shown you. Instead of funding mass surveillance, the Commission should focus on areas that improve tangible quality of life improvements, such as the Noise Mitigation Acceleration Proposal approved by the Commission as Motion 2020-04, which will likely not receive full FAA AIP Grant funding to cover its costs. It seems straightforward that addressing the sound insulation needs at homes and schools of Sea-Tac airport neighbors is more important than aiding and abetting CBP in gathering mug shots of innocent travelers.

Additionally, the Port is being steamrolled by CBP. At the Commission meeting on December 10th, 2019, at timestamp 1:31:40, Port staff said "In terms of CBP, they were very clear in the October meeting that they don't believe they have authority as it relates to departing International passengers, that is our facility, that is an area we have control over." By funding and building a Biometric Air Exit system, the Port is helping CBP go outside their jurisdiction to conduct surveillance.

Please ban the use of Biometrics for Public-Facing Law Enforcement & Security Functions. Additionally please rescind the approval to fund a Biometric Air Exit system.

Thank you,
-Cynthia Spiess
an independent security researcher and Seattle resident

On Mon, Jul 13, 2020 at 8:58 PM Commission-Public-Records <[commission-public-](#)

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Thank you for signing up to give public comment via Skype at the July 14, 2020, Port of Seattle Commission meeting.

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You should expect to be on the line for between 30-60 minutes as we dispose of preliminary business on the agenda and we hear from other public commenters. While it's not possible for us to predict how many people will comment on July 14, we expect individual comment time to be limited to two minutes and all rules of order and decorum will apply as usual.

If you have any questions please let us know. We appreciate your dedication to public health and your interest in participating in the Port of Seattle Commission meeting.

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Hi Commission Clerk,

I would like to provide public comment over the phone for the Commission meeting tomorrow regarding agenda items 7a & 9b.

Thanks,

-Cynthia Spiess