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To: [Commission-Public-Records](#)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] register me please for tomorrow's Public Comment
Date: Monday, September 21, 2020 9:43:39 PM
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Hi Commission person,

Here is a copy of my comment for the written record. See you on the call tomorrow. Thank you,

Good afternoon Commissioners and Exec. Director Metruck,

My name is Jordan Van Voast and I am a licensed acupuncturist and member of Seattle Cruise

Control. 2020 is on track to be the warmest year on record. This summer's historic wildfire season ^[1], with megafires still burning in California, Oregon, and Washington, have thus far killed at least 37 people, burned six million acres, and blanketed hundreds of thousands of square miles with a plume of thick toxic smoke that was tracked as far as Europe, 5000 miles away. Health experts recommended everyone to stay indoors for 11 days, but even with high quality indoor air filters, many of my clients reported negative effects. How many people living unsheltered died or are still ill from the smoke? Nobody tracks those numbers so we will never know. These fires are a direct consequence of human caused climate change and the impacts are always going to be inequitable.

I find it disheartening that at your recent economic recovery summit with industry, according to one of our members who listened in, very little of substance was mentioned regarding how the climate emergency must be factored in to any discussion of economic recovery. Instead we heard the same tired refrain of how cruise is an economic engine for the region. As we enter the Anthropocene, when actions of decision makers like yourselves will determine whether human civilization will survive another generation or two, I urge you to listen to the cries of Mother Earth. We need a lot fewer engines now, and a lot more trees. Please use your imagination and act boldly, beginning with addressing our region's unhealthy addiction to the cruise industry. Let the ships go to other Ports if that's how it needs to happen. The important thing is to exercise leadership now, while we still have a little time left. I wouldn't be speaking to you if I didn't have confidence that all of you have the capacity to do the right thing. Thank you.

[1] https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2020_Western_United_States_wildfires

On Mon, Sep 21, 2020 at 3:44 PM Commission-Public-Records <commission-public-records@portseattle.org> wrote:

Thank you for signing up to give public comment via Skype at the September 22, 2020, Port of Seattle Commission meeting.

Join us via your mobile or laptop device on Skype or call into the number provided below at **11:50 a.m. PST** on Tuesday September 22, 2020 in order to be marked present and ready to speak. A member of port staff will join the call to take a roll call of the names we have listed and go over the procedure. Please plan to call from a location with as little background noise as possible.

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 September 22, 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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