

**[EXTERNAL] Fwd: support seatac park protection**

Aaron Neely &lt;aaron.neely@gmail.com&gt;

Tue 5/10/2022 9:03 AM

To: Commission-Public-Records &lt;commission-public-records@portseattle.org&gt;

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From: **Aaron Neely** <aaron.neely@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, May 10, 2022 at 9:00 AM

Subject: support seatac park protection

To: &lt;commission-public-records@portseattle.org&gt;

please support the efforts by SeaTac to purchase and protect the North Seatac park. this park has something to offer people of all ages and my family as well as many others I know in my neighborhood (in burien) are frequent users of many different parts. I think the availability of activities and open spaces is good for the community and developing youth. Thank you for supporting this movement.

Regards,

Aaron Neely  
(253) 797-5197

**[EXTERNAL] No on development of North SeaTac Park**

Dan Carow <dancarowphoto@yahoo.com>

Tue 5/10/2022 8:56 AM

To: Commission-Public-Records <commission-public-records@portseattle.org>

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Dear port commissioners:

This citizen is against the development of North SeaTac Park. I support protection of the park. It took 15 years of living nearby for me to discover what a tremendous resource and regional treasure was right here in my backyard. Any damage to green space or tree coverage in this area can not be tolerated.

Sincerely,

Dan Carow

**[EXTERNAL] Please vote to approve resolution protecting North SeaTac Park**

Kenzie &lt;zzcook.mc@gmail.com&gt;

Tue 5/10/2022 1:10 PM

To: Commission-Public-Records &lt;commission-public-records@portseattle.org&gt;

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Thank you to Mayor Simpson, Councilmember Kwon, and members of the City Council Parks and Recreation Committee for ongoing efforts to explore the feasibility of the City acquiring and protecting North SeaTac Park and for today's resolution proposing that this exploration begin. I urge the Council to pass this resolution, pursue acquisition of the the entire park, not just part of it, and create a plan to invest in permanent protection of its recreational and natural spaces.

This park is a regional treasure. To quote Lawrence Ellis, Director of SeaTac's Parks, Community Programs & Services in his background memo for this resolution, the park is "recognized as one of the largest open spaces in South King County that preserves a portion of the community's natural environment and promotes the quality of life for the SeaTac residents and surrounding communities that benefit from the use of the park."

No part of this park should be commercially developed. According to the FAA, it was created to compensate area residents for cumulative impacts of SeaTac Airport. These impacts are only increasing. With city ownership of the park and strong legal protections for its continued use as a park and the health of its forest and waterways, the city would have the ability to appropriately plan and invest in its protection.

Sincerely,

McKenzie Cook

**[EXTERNAL] Feasibility study**

jed doyle &lt;jedinyte34@gmail.com&gt;

Tue 5/10/2022 2:27 PM

To: Commission-Public-Records &lt;commission-public-records@portseattle.org&gt;

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I am neighbor to the park, a neighbor under the air traffic, the closest business to the park and of the the closest homeowners. I have spent a lot of time as a child in the park, raced BMX at the park ( redline team challenge series winner @ north SeaTac). I have spent a huge amount of time in refuge in many of the pockets and canopy the park offers Watched nature revive itself from urban demolition and animals flourish to take back their homes.

It is extremely negligent to proceed with removing this piece of nature and replacing it with hard surface.

Feasibility study, how about an environmental study of the bog, the surrounding habit. A study of how detrimental the absence of this nature is when it's gone. The people that live around the airport have extreme exposures that are literally 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

The port has consistently shown it's disregard for life. You have infiltrated the well being of life in this neighborhood enough. The port dismisses sound complaints, has not run a 2nd port package that addresses outdated technology leaving people exposed to sounds that are proven to shorten your life expectancy. They have no consideration of life around here.

Now you want our park. The trees break up the noise, the ecosystem helps balance out the damages left by the air traffic.

The bog at tub lake should be protected as it is one of the last bogs around Seattle and little to no studies of the mycology around the bog have happen. There is better uses than a parking lot. Perhaps use this rare area/ wetland/ preserved piece restored nature to make a difference for the future.

The port is inefficient, not using real estate they already have accessible and have disregarded the people of the neighborhood in dismissive ways for a long time.

-Jed Doyle

Local resident, local business owner, park attendee as my habitat for life

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**[EXTERNAL] Talking Points for Port Commission meeting 5/10**

Hannah Erickson &lt;herickson@discoveryhealthmd.com&gt;

Mon 5/9/2022 5:02 PM

To: Commission-Public-Records &lt;commission-public-records@portseattle.org&gt;

Cc: Heather Teegarden &lt;hteegarden@discoveryhealthmd.com&gt;; Daniel Pulse &lt;dpulse@discoveryhealthmd.com&gt;

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Hello,

Please see Discovery Health MD's talking points below.

DHMD:

Discovery Health MD has been involved in the COVID-19 response since the beginning. Reference our community and maritime support for testing and C19 management.

Review cruise line requirements and what we can offer as a solution – [consumer testing sites, hours, test types and documentation](#). Material provided.

Mobile testing and vaccination options – onsite mobile teams can handle both vaccinations and testing capabilities

Questions and resources for booking – [accounts@discoveryhealthmd.com](mailto:accounts@discoveryhealthmd.com), [customersupport@discoveryhealthmd.com](mailto:customersupport@discoveryhealthmd.com)

I will be the spokesperson for Discovery Health MD and my email is attached here:

[herickson@discoveryhealthmd.com](mailto:herickson@discoveryhealthmd.com)Can you please share the meeting link with Daniel Pulse ([dpulse@discoveryhealthmd.com](mailto:dpulse@discoveryhealthmd.com)) and Heather Teegarden ([hteegarden@discoveryhealthmd.com](mailto:hteegarden@discoveryhealthmd.com))? They would like to tune in to listen if possible.

Please let me know what additional information you need from me.

*Please let me know if you have additional questions or concerns.**Thank you,***Hannah Erickson**  
**Director of Sales and Account Management**  
She/Her

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Fax: (206) 826-1814

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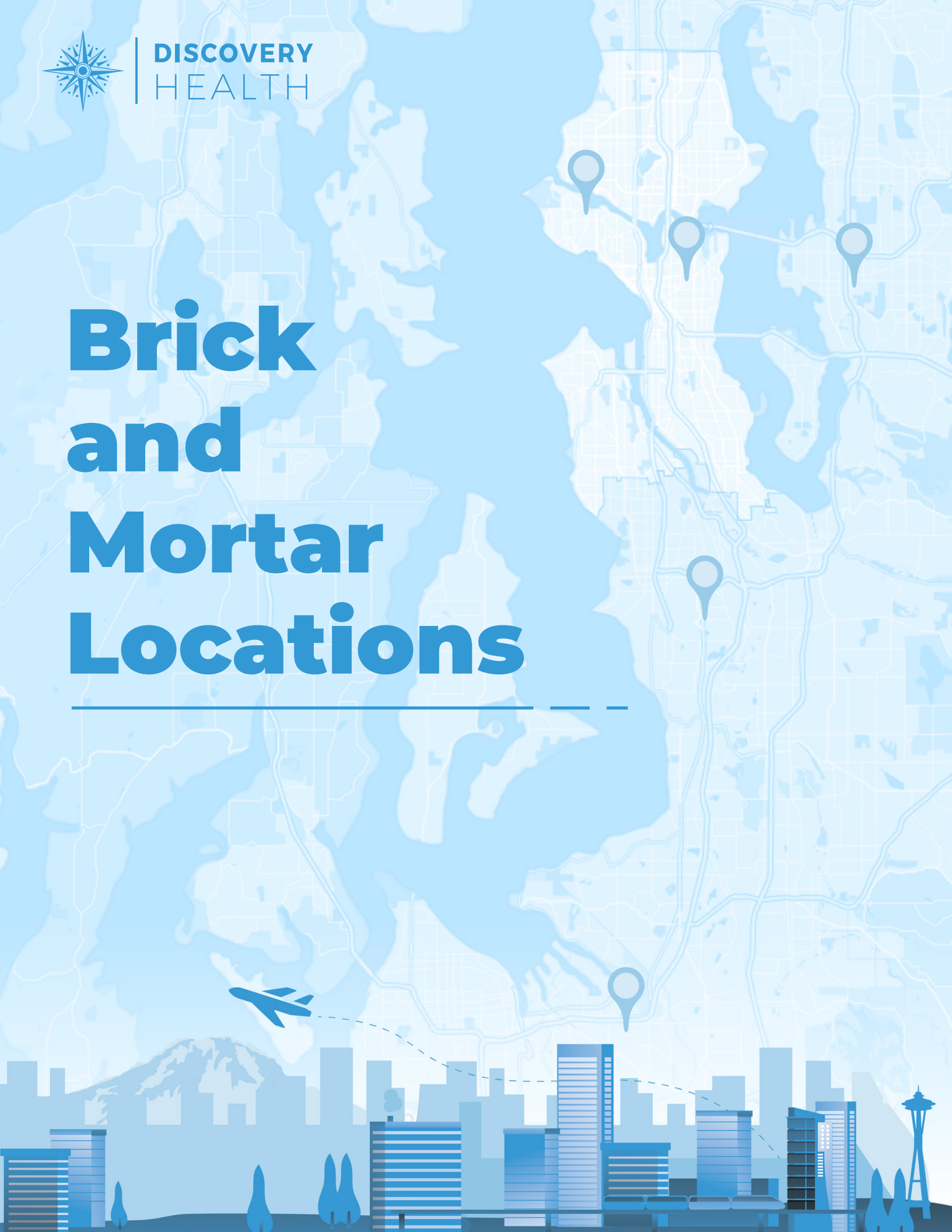
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## Seattle (Fishermen's Terminal Testing Site)



### Tests Available

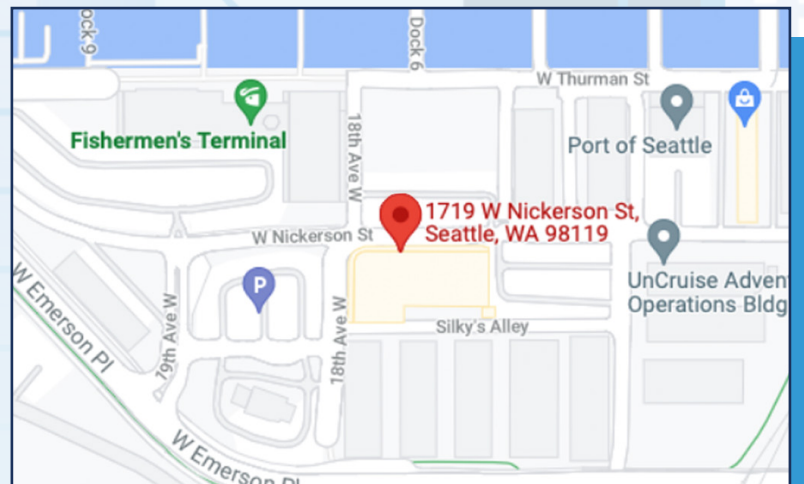
- Rapid Cepheid RT-PCR
- Rapid Accula RT-PCR
- Rapid Abbot
- Rapid Antigen
- Next Day
- Same day lab-based PCR

### Address

1719 W Nickerson St.  
Seattle, WA 98119

Mon-Fri: 8:00am - 3:00 pm

Located in the Norby building, to the right of the main building.



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## Seattle (Capitol Hill Testing Site)



### Tests Available

- Rapid Cepheid RT-PCR
- Rapid Accula RT-PCR
- Rapid Abbot
- Rapid Antigen
- Next Day PCR
- Same day lab-based PCR

### ADDRESS

1205 E Pike, Suite 1A  
Seattle, WA 98122

Mon-Fri: 8:00am - 3:00 pm

Located next to Capitol Thrill and  
between Pike and 12th.



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## Bellevue (Hampton Inn)

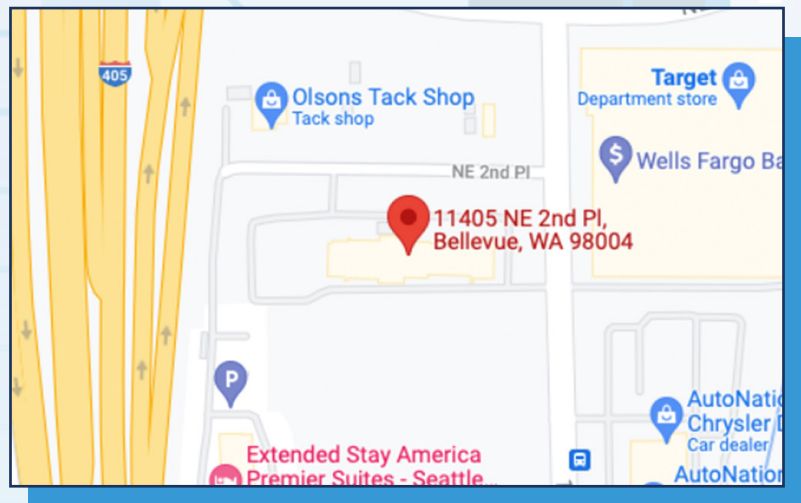


### Tests Available

- Rapid Accula RT-PCR
- Rapid Abbot
- Rapid Antigen
- Next Day PCR
- Same day lab-based PCR

### ADDRESS

**Hampton Inn & Suites**  
**11405 NE 2nd Place**  
**Bellevue, WA 98004**  
**Mon-Sun: 8:00am - 3:00 pm**  
Located across the street from the  
Wilburton Shopping center.



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## SeaTac Testing Site



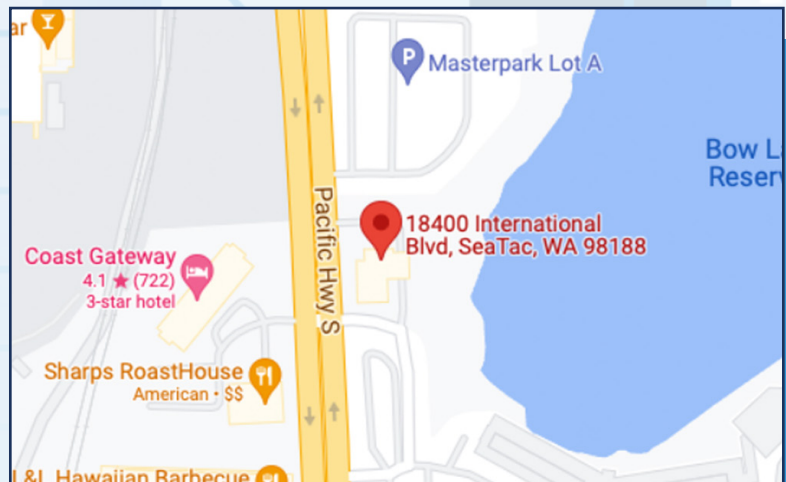
### Tests Available

- Rapid Cepheid RT-PCR
- Rapid Accula RT-PCR
- Rapid Abbot
- Rapid Antigen
- Next Day
- Same day lab-based PCR

### ADDRESS

18400 International Blvd  
SeaTac, WA 98188  
Mon-Sun: 8:00am - 3:00 pm

Located in a refurbished bank  
building near the hotel lot.



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## Tacoma Testing Office (Fife, WA)



### Tests Available

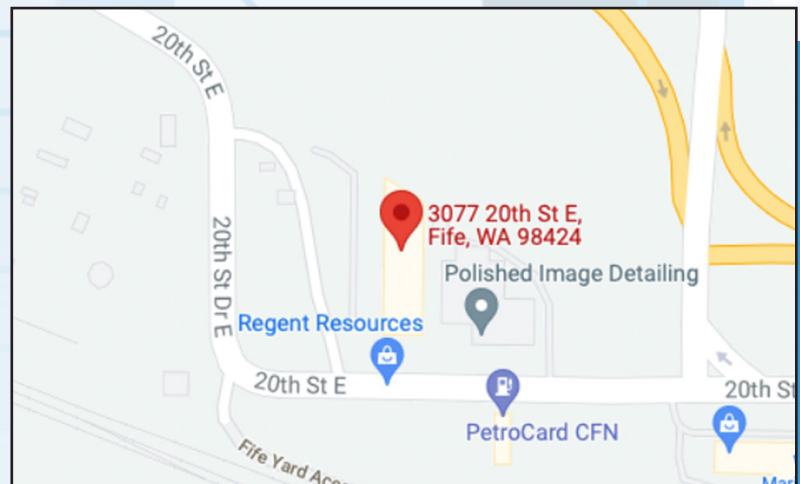
- Rapid Cepheid RT-PCR
- Rapid Accula RT-PCR
- Rapid Abbot
- Rapid Antigen
- Next Day PCR
- Same day lab-based PCR

### ADDRESS

**3077 20th Street E, Ste. C  
Fife, WA 98424**

**Mon-Fri: 7:00am - 2:00 pm**

Located via the exit toward Port of  
Tacoma Rd



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## Spokane Testing Site



### Tests Available

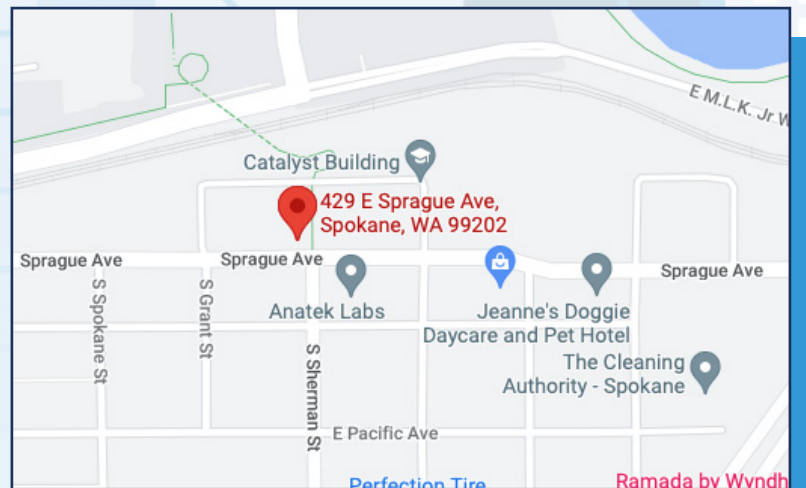
- Rapid RT-PCR & NAAT
- Rapid Antigen
- Same day lab-based PCR

### Address

429 E Sprague Ave  
Spokane, WA 99202

Mon-Fri: 8:00am - 3:00 pm

Located in downtown Spokane near  
the intersection of E Sprague Ave and  
S Sherman St.



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# The Westin Downtown Seattle

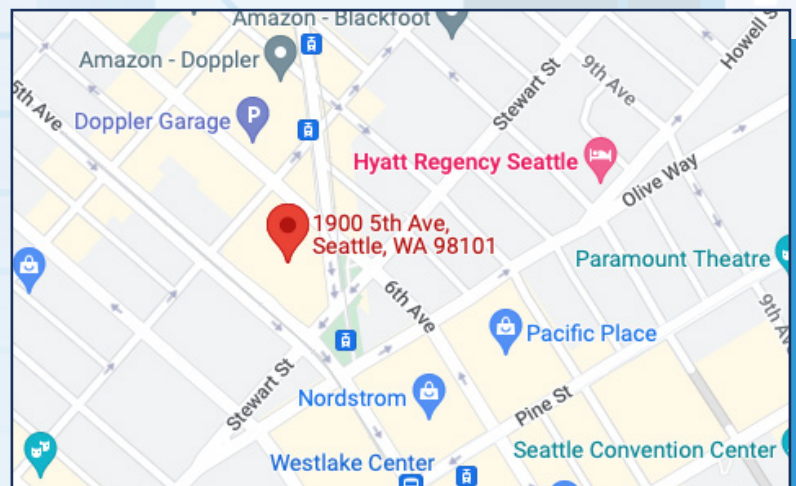


## Tests Available

- Rapid Cepheid RT-PCR
- Rapid Accula RT-PCR
- Rapid Abbot
- Rapid Antigen
- Next Day PCR
- Same day lab-based PCR

## Address

1900 5th Ave  
Seattle, WA 98101  
Sun-Thurs: 9:00am - 5:00 pm



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# The W Hotel Downtown Seattle



## Tests Available

- Rapid Cepheid RT-PCR
- Rapid Accula RT-PCR
- Rapid Abbot
- Rapid Antigen
- Next Day PCR
- Same day lab-based PCR

## Address

1112 4th Ave  
Seattle, WA 98101  
Tues-Sat: 11:00am - 4:00 pm



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**[EXTERNAL] Please protect North SeaTac Park**

Stefanie Fatooh &lt;stefanie.mari@gmail.com&gt;

Tue 5/10/2022 9:02 AM

To: Commission-Public-Records &lt;commission-public-records@portseattle.org&gt;

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Thank you,  
Stefanie Fatooh



[EXTERNAL] FW: Never develop SeaTac greenspace and parks.

Konker <chriskonker@comcast.net>

Tue 5/10/2022 9:45 AM

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**From:** [Konker](#)

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 10, 2022 9:44 AM

**To:** [PublicComment@seatacwa.gov](mailto:PublicComment@seatacwa.gov); [Defenders of North SeaTac Park](#)

**Subject:** Never develop SeaTac greenspace and parks.

To the Seatac council members,

The green space and now park areas that were entrusted to SeaTac should never be used for any purpose other than green space or park area.

The taxes that were deferred on those areas would need to be paid pack with interest to king county.

That bill and the lawsuit would offset any profit. The infrastructure for roads is not designed to carry commercial traffic.

Also there are areas like the Lora lake apartments boondoggle that could be developed that have the infrastructure in place.

The best use for the community is the sound abatement and environmental benefit the greenspace provides.

Thank you,

Christopher C Konker

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**[EXTERNAL] Save SeaTac park for the residents**

Meagan Lass &lt;lass.meagan@gmail.com&gt;

Mon 5/9/2022 5:16 PM

To: Commission-Public-Records &lt;commission-public-records@portseattle.org&gt;

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Thank you,

Meagan Lass

SeaTac resident, homeowner, and daily user of North SeaTac Park

## [EXTERNAL] Comment Submission: Request to post signage on biometric data collection in IAF

Jennifer Lee <jlee@aclu-wa.org>

Tue 5/10/2022 11:44 AM

To: Commission-Public-Records <commission-public-records@portseattle.org>

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TEC Port Biometrics Sign on Letter 5.10.22.pdf;

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Hello, could you please include the attached comments for today's meeting?

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**From:** Jennifer Lee

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 10, 2022 11:35 AM

**To:** Calkins, Ryan <calkins.r@portseattle.org>; Cho.s@portseattle.org; Mohamed.h@portseattle.org; Hasegawa.t@portseattle.org; felleman.f@portseattle.org

**Cc:** Eric González Alfaro <egonzalez@aclu-wa.org>

**Subject:** Request to post signage on biometric data collection in IAF

Dear Port Commissioners,

On behalf of members of the Tech Equity Coalition, community organizers, and privacy advocates, I have attached a letter urging the Port to post clear and accessible signage in the International Arrivals Facility regarding the collection of biometric data from travelers and the rights available to travelers. The lack of clear and accurate signage violates the Port of Seattle's Principles for Public-Facing Biometric Technology, which were adopted in Motion 2019-13.

Members of the Tech Equity Coalition, including former Port of Seattle Biometrics External Advisory Group members, have [previously urged the Port](#) to [reject collaboration with CBP](#) in purchasing and implementing biometric data collection tools. While the Port has chosen to collaborate with CBP, it still has a responsibility to protect travelers from surveillance harms.

Please post clear and accessible signage to mitigate harm from CBP's activities.

Respectfully,  
Jennifer

**Jennifer Lee**

Technology and Liberty Manager

Pronouns: She, They

American Civil Liberties Union of Washington

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[www.aclu-wa.org](http://www.aclu-wa.org)



Dear Port of Seattle Commissioners,

Cc: Stephen Metruck, Port of Seattle Executive Director

We, the Tech Equity Coalition, including members of the former Port of Seattle Biometrics External Advisory Group, community organizers, and privacy advocates, write to urge you to post clear and accessible signage in both visual and auditory forms in the new International Arrivals Facility (IAF) regarding the collection of biometric data from travelers and the rights available to travelers. Such signage should be present and discernible prior to an individual's biometric data being collected. Since Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has not posted such signage themselves, then the Port of Seattle must step up to do so.

On April 9th, 2022, Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA) conducted a passenger flow simulation for the new IAF. The simulation enabled participants to "evaluate parts of the passenger journey such as ... signage".<sup>1</sup> Multiple members of the public participated in this simulation and found that the IAF's Simplified Arrivals area contains zero signage regarding the collection of biometric data from travelers or their rights under federal law at the point of biometric data collection. This lack of clear and accurate signage violates all seven of the Port of Seattle's Principles for Public-Facing Biometric Technology, which were adopted in Motion 2019-13.<sup>2</sup>

The Port of Seattle can and should post signage making it clear that CBP intends to collect biometric data from travelers and that U.S. citizens have the right to opt out of biometric data collection. This signage must be accessible to non-English speakers and people with disabilities. There is no federal law that prohibits a Port from posting lawful and factual signage on their Port property, and the Port has a responsibility to provide the public with clear signage to mitigate harm from CBP's activities.

In announcing a recent lawsuit against CBP and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), the ACLU stated, "Unlike other forms of identity verification, facial recognition technology can enable undetectable, persistent government surveillance on a massive scale. As this technology becomes increasingly widespread, the government can use it to track individuals' movements and associations, posing grave risks to privacy and civil liberties. When such a technology is used by agencies like CBP, and TSA—which have been caught tracking and spying on journalists, subjecting innocent travelers to excessive and humiliating searches, and targeting and interrogating individuals because of their national origin, religious beliefs, or political views—we should all be concerned."<sup>3</sup>

The Port of Seattle's July 13th, 2021 Executive Policy on federal-collection of biometric data includes:

- "Requesting notification, and information on how systems meet Port's Biometric Principles"
- "Developing a comprehensive communications plan that notifies the general public of the implementation and all related information"
- "Guidelines for avoiding unintended image capture"

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<sup>1</sup> [SEA Recruiting Volunteers for Passenger-Flow Simulation of International Arrivals Facility | Port of Seattle \(portseattle.org\)](https://portseattle.org/news/2022/04/09/SEA-Recruiting-Volunteers-for-Passenger-Flow-Simulation-of-International-Arrivals-Facility)

<sup>2</sup> [Adopting Biometrics Principles and Establishing Working Group \(portseattle.org\)](https://portseattle.org/news/2019/12/13/Adopting-Biometrics-Principles-and-Establishing-Working-Group)

<sup>3</sup> [The Government Has a Secret Plan to Track Everyone's Faces at Airports. We're Suing. | News & Commentary | American Civil Liberties Union \(aclu.org\)](https://www.aclu.org/news/civil-liberties/the-government-has-a-secret-plan-to-track-everyone-s-faces-at-airports-we-re-suing)

These recommendations were adopted by the Port of Seattle via Order 2021-06.<sup>4</sup> Given the lack of signage regarding biometric data collection at the new IAF, it appears that none of those policies have been adhered to for Air Entry, which those policies were specifically created to cover.

It is important to note that many civil rights and civil liberties groups<sup>5</sup> have already urged the Port of Seattle to reject collaboration with CBP<sup>6</sup> and not facilitate CBP's unauthorized surveillance.<sup>7</sup> While the Port has chosen to collaborate with CBP, it still has a responsibility to protect travelers from surveillance harms.

Should the Port neither attempt nor post signage regarding biometric data collection in the IAF, then the Port will be further facilitating CBP's mass surveillance of travelers and violating its own principles.

We urge the Port of Seattle to post clear and accessible signage in the IAF regarding the collection of biometric data from travelers and the rights available to travelers, prior to and at the point of biometric data collection.<sup>8</sup> If CBP does not willingly post such signage themselves, then the Port of Seattle must step up to do so.

Signed,

ACLU of Washington  
Coalition for Rights & Safety for People in the Sex Trade  
Conrad Cipoletti, Seattle Resident  
Cynthia Spiess, T.E.C. Member & Independent Cybersecurity Researcher  
Delcine Hackley, Seattle Resident  
Emerald Onion  
Indivisible Plus Washington  
Japanese American Citizens League (JAACL), Seattle Chapter  
Katelyn Taylor, Private Advocate  
La Resistencia  
Legal Voice  
Lisa Brownlee, WA Resident  
MAPS-AMEN (American Muslim Empowerment Network)  
OneAmerica  
Parent Coalition for Student Privacy  
Phil Mocek, Privacy Advocate and Tacoma resident  
Strippers Are Workers (SAW)  
The Identity Project (PapersPlease.org)  
WA People's Privacy Network  
Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers  
Washington Defender Association

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<sup>4</sup> [Order 2021-06.pdf \(portseattle.org\)](#)

<sup>5</sup> [Open Letter to Port of Seattle Commission | ACLU of Washington \(aclu-wa.org\)](#)

<sup>6</sup> [Port Biometrics ACLU + BEAG Letter of Dissent - September 29, 2020 | ACLU of Washington \(aclu-wa.org\)](#)

<sup>7</sup> [Face Scans at Airport Departure Gates: An Investigation \(airportfacescans.com\)](#)

<sup>8</sup> The CBP SEA IAF Standard Operating Procedure states, "The Port Director or designee shall determine the extent of CBP security areas at each airport." This means it is within the Port's control to designate what areas are within CBP oversight; and could empower the Port to designate that the walls of the hallways, mezzanine floor, and/or baggage claim area as not technically within a CBP security area.

**[EXTERNAL] Protect North SeaTac Park!!**

Dave Lipps &lt;drlipps@gmail.com&gt;

Tue 5/10/2022 8:15 AM

To: Commission-Public-Records &lt;commission-public-records@portseattle.org&gt;

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Thank you,  
David Lipps, MD

Sent from my iPhone

**[EXTERNAL] Protecting North SeaTac Park**

E Little &lt;edan.gehman@gmail.com&gt;

Mon 5/9/2022 9:38 PM

To: Commission-Public-Records &lt;commission-public-records@portseattle.org&gt;

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Dear Commissioners,

One of the reasons I chose to live here and raise my family in this part of King County, was the access to parks and the promise that they hold for the future. I live 5 minutes From North SeaTac Park and my family enjoys all that it has to offer.

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Thank you,

Edan Little  
Burien Resident



**[EXTERNAL] Request to speak at today's Port of Seattle meeting and submission of supplemental written comments**

Noemie Maxwell <noemie\_maxwell@yahoo.com>

Tue 5/10/2022 8:50 AM

To: Commission-Public-Records <commission-public-records@portseattle.org>

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Hello,

My name is Noemie Maxwell Vassilakis and I would like to deliver comments at today's Port of Seattle meeting on the topic of saving North SeaTac Park and our community's trees near SeaTac International Airport.

I also would like to submit my written comments which are attached and cut & pasted below.

Thank you very much,

Noemie Maxwell Vassilakis  
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Noemie Maxwell Vassilakis

12239 Des Moines Memorial Dr. S. #6A

Burien, WA 98168

Port of Seattle Commission President Ryan Calkins

Commissioners Sam Cho, Fred Felleman, Toshiko Hasegawa, and Hamdi Mohamed

May 10, 2022

Dear Commission President and Commissioners,

This letter is supplemental to public comments I made at today's public meeting of the Commission.

I'm writing to urge you to take timely action on saving trees and park land that protect the health of people impacted by the operations of SeaTac International Airport and to update you on the Defenders of North SeaTac Park Community Forest Consensus campaign.

The Consensus calls for:

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Mohamed

May 10, 2022

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## [EXTERNAL] Support for City acquisition of North SeaTac Park

Tracy McAlpin <tamcalpin@gmail.com>

Mon 5/9/2022 5:23 PM

To: Commission-Public-Records <commission-public-records@portseattle.org>

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Hello,

I want to express my support for the City to acquire the North SeaTac Park from the Port of Seattle for the purpose of protecting the park's natural open spaces from any commercial development by the Port.

Thank you,  
Tracy McAlpin

**[EXTERNAL] Cruise tourism is not sustainable**

Patrick McKee &lt;patmckee@sbcglobal.net&gt;

Tue 5/10/2022 8:44 AM

To: Commission-Public-Records &lt;commission-public-records@portseattle.org&gt;

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Hello -

I would like to make a comment in today's public meeting.

If I come down to Pier 69 will the meeting be open to the public?

I've attached my comment below.

Thank you,

Patrick McKee  
323.336.3651

Hello, my name is Pat McKee.

I watched the last Port of Seattle public comment period. There were 2 pro cruise comments - one from a former chairman of the Wyoming Republican Party, and one from a corporate attorney. They could have been reading from the same playbook - clearly the Cruise lobby is employing the strict talking point discipline the tobacco lobby and the oil lobby did before them. When you mention Cruise tourism precede it with the adjective sustainable, so that we come away from the testimony believing they are talking about that already exists - sustainable cruise tourism!

But sustainable has an actual definition. In the simplest terms it means meeting our needs without ruining the prospects of our children and grandchildren.

Commissioners, no aspect of cruise tourism is sustainable, from environmental damage to public health impact to labor conditions to perversion of local economies in Alaska (and Seattle). I know you all are trying to make sense of this yourselves, trying to balance rosy economic projections with very real, if painstakingly externalized, costs.

Is there money in it? There must be, for somebody. We know our Mayor is heralding the return of cruise and our Port is trolling worldwide to run up the numbers, numbers not only of shipboard passengers but of jet flights into and out of Sea Tac.

But what are we doing, really; what essential service is the Port of Seattle providing? We're setting a couple of marine oil burning Vegas casinos afloat in the Salish Sea every day; their sewers and engine wastes drain into the ocean while their exhaust systems expel black carbon that sickens kids and melts arctic ice. A single summer of Alaska cruise produces green house gases equal to a third of the annual output of the entire city of Seattle.

The planet is already feeling the effects of climate cooking - more in the global south than in the fortunate geography of mountains and fjords we call home, although even here we lived through the heat dome (except for the ones - mostly poor - who didn't), our starving resident orcas number in the mere dozens, our grand children won't ever know there were once glaciers just across the water.

Commissioners, please - the UN is telling us it's very late, maybe not too late. Doing the right thing can be hard, but it's time. Let's start untangling our futures from cruise.



**[EXTERNAL] Support sale of North SeaTac Park to the City of SeaTac**

Barbara McMichael &lt;barbaralmcm@gmail.com&gt;

Mon 5/9/2022 10:48 PM

To: Commission-Public-Records &lt;commission-public-records@portseattle.org&gt;

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Hello! I am thrilled that the Port of Seattle and the City of SeaTac are seriously exploring the idea of allowing the City to acquire North SeaTac Park so that the people of SeaTac will have that beautiful forested land as a permanent asset in their community.

The recent and very dire U.N. report on climate change that came out just last month noted that climate change is a global emergency that requires coordinated solutions at all levels. I note that a commitment to preserve this forested park could be part of that coordinated solution! I would be so very proud if my elected representatives in the City of SeaTac and my elected officials on the Port of Seattle Commission were to do the right thing here.

Sincerely,

Barbara McMichael  
20816 Military Road S  
SeaTac, WA 98198

**[EXTERNAL] Please vote to approve resolution protecting North SeaTac Park**

Loren McWethy &lt;loren.mcwethy@gmail.com&gt;

Tue 5/10/2022 4:50 PM

To: Commission-Public-Records &lt;commission-public-records@portseattle.org&gt;

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I am an avid mountain biker and LOVE, LOVE, LOVE the Wednesday Night mountain bike races that are held in the park through the summer. We used to do these races at South Seatac park until construction destroyed those trails. Please help us keep a place in the city where we can mountain bike!

This park is a regional treasure. To quote Lawrence Ellis, Director of SeaTac's Parks, Community Programs & Services in his background memo for this resolution, the park is "recognized as one of the largest open spaces in South King County that preserves a portion of the community's natural environment and promotes the quality of life for the SeaTac residents and surrounding communities that benefit from the use of the park."

No part of this park should be commercially developed. According to the FAA, it was created to compensate area residents for cumulative impacts of SeaTac Airport. These impacts are only increasing. With city ownership of the park and strong legal protections for its continued use as a park and the health of its forest and waterways, the city would have the ability to appropriately plan and invest in its protection.

Sincerely,

Loren McWethy

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Loren McWethy

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**[EXTERNAL] North SeaTac Park - Keep it Green**

Regina Mutter &lt;regina.mutter8@gmail.com&gt;

Tue 5/10/2022 9:04 AM

To: Commission-Public-Records &lt;commission-public-records@portseattle.org&gt;

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Dear Commissioners,

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Trees support healthy communities by mitigating deadly airport pollution. Trees reduce flooding, cool our neighborhoods, and increase home values and economic vitality. Please act to ensure that Port staff properly value this critical infrastructure.

Thank you,  
Gina Mutter

**[EXTERNAL] Protect North SeaTac Park!**

Emily N &lt;emilyneely@gmail.com&gt;

Tue 5/10/2022 8:55 AM

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Thank you,

Emily Neely

**[EXTERNAL] North SeaTac Park**

robin pederson &lt;robin61pederson@gmail.com&gt;

Mon 5/9/2022 9:04 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

As the City of SeaTac moves forward with plans to take ownership of North SeaTac Park, I would urge your support. The park's unique recreation and natural resources should not be for sale to the highest bidder.

This includes your support to encourage the Port to drop its plans to commercially develop 31 acres of the park as well as roughly 75 acres adjacent. Those acres are the repository of many trees and once this area falls to development that resource will not come back.

Both Seattle Public Health and King County as well as the King County Cities Climate Collaboration encourage this preservation and as signatory, the Port should follow through.

Given that North SeaTac has few parks and little greenspace, and given the pressure of constant air traffic, this piece of land is invaluable. Please act to ensure that this resource receives the protection it, and the community deserves.

Thank you,  
Robin Pederson

**[EXTERNAL] Saving North SeaTac Park**

Jennifer Potter &lt;jen-geist@hotmail.com&gt;

Mon 5/9/2022 9:02 PM

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I personally feel that any green space that is lost from the area would be a terrible error on the Port of Seattles part. My family thrives by having this park kept whole. I used the trails while pregnant then while pushing a stroller and now we use the fields and play grounds. Atleast part of that would be lost if this area was developed and that is not acceptable with so little greenspace left. With so little tree cover left in the area already I smell the pollution from the planes when I try to go on morning walks. I have had to turn around some mornings because the smell is too much and feels harmful. Waiting to walk until later in the day when the wind has diluted the pollution. That is the life we live with so little canopy cover near the airport. Any green space taken from us in bad faith would be egregious.

Thank you for reading,

Jennifer Potter

Local resident and neighbor to North SeaTac Park

**[EXTERNAL] Support Full Protection of North SeaTac Park**

Thomas Riess &lt;vonriess@yahoo.com&gt;

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Thank you, Thomas H. Riess, PhD, MPH

**[EXTERNAL] Please save North Sea-Tac Park**

Selene Russo &lt;selenee@me.com&gt;

Mon 5/9/2022 5:35 PM

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9436 11th Ave SW



**[EXTERNAL] Fwd: Please vote to approve resolution protecting North SeaTac Park**

Kraig Slist &lt;listkreg@gmail.com&gt;

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Please don't tear it down. My family takes our dog for a lovely walk here and it would be sad to see it go.

Thank you

Kraig A.

**[EXTERNAL] public comment for today's meeting**

Jordan Van Voast &lt;jordanvvvv@gmail.com&gt;

Tue 5/10/2022 8:26 AM

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Dear Commission-Public-Records,

Here are my comments for today's Port Commission meeting.

thank you,

Good afternoon Commissioners. My name is Jordan Van Voast. The Port of Seattle's cruise ship business has a massive carbon footprint when one actually counts the flight miles and ship emissions outside our airshed. That's not going to significantly change in the next decade with shore power, kelp forests, or solar panels. The climate emergency is here now and we have a responsibility to act.

A Tibetan monk living in India wrote to me yesterday about the impact of the record heat wave there:

***"Dear Jordan la, Tashi delek! The hot weather is creating huge problems. Many monks have contracted dengue fever and also the heat makes it difficult to attend class or study. Older monks cannot go outside. I get headaches very often. Wells are running dry and water must be delivered in tanker trucks from the river. If the monsoon rains don't come soon, we will face huge problems due to water shortage. I think these warning signs tell us we must take better care of this earth. I hope you can speak to the elected officials and make them aware of the climate problems we are experiencing now. With love and prayers, Lobsang Tashi.***

India and Pakistan have been in the grips of record heat for the last month and it is about to get worse. Crop failures, water shortages, heat induced illness and death are all increasing. "This heatwave is definitely unprecedented," said Dr. Chandni Singh, IPCC Lead Author and Senior Researcher at the Indian Institute for Human Settlements. "This is what climate experts predicted and it will have cascading impacts on health."

How can we justify the huge carbon footprint of the non-essential cruise industry promoted by the Port when South Asia and many other places in the world are becoming unlivable due to a climate emergency which is principally caused by the lifestyles in the Global North and the failure of our leaders to end business as usual? Where is the equity in that? Thank you.

<https://www.cnn.com/2022/05/02/asia/india-pakistan-heatwave-climate-intl-hnk/index.html>

<https://yaleclimateconnections.org/2022/05/india-and-pakistans-brutal-heat-wave-poised-to-resurge/>

Jordan Van Voast

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