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3/29/23, 8:40 AM Mail - Commission-Public-Records - Outlook [EXTERNAL] Writing in support of Equity Policy Directive Sofia Aragon
Tue 3/28/2023 9:26 AM
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#### Dear Port of Seattle Commission members-

I commend your development of an Equity Policy Directive and look forward to learning about the positive impact this Directive will have on Port policy. The City of Burien is just beginning its journey towards similar efforts and we will look to the Port's efforts as an example. The EPD is necessary as the majority of the state's communities of color reside within 10 miles of SeaTac airport. Thank you for being a great example of advancing equity in policy.

Mayor Sofia Aragon City of Burien, Washington Sent from my iPad

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3/29/23, 8:59 AM Mail - Commission-Public-Records - Outlook [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT for October 27, 2020 Hayward Evans on behalf of Hayward Evans
Tue 3/28/2023 11:59 AM
To: Commission-Public-Records
Cc: erye@comcast.net; Hayward Evans
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1.1 CRC POS Resolution No. 3812 Support Letter (1).pdf;

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March 28, 2023

Dear Seattle Port Commissioners,

I am writing on behalf of the Washington State Civil Rights Coalition (CRC). First thank you for making the Seattle Port Authority the first port authority in the nation to establish an Office of Equity. Your commitment to embed equity, diversity and inclusion into the Port of Seattle operational policies is an admirable accomplishment. The CRC is requesting you to continue your progressive policies by passing the Port of Seattle Resolution No. 3812 establishing an Equity Directive. Your support is critical in closing the "Equity Gap" in communities of color and in neighborhoods that have historically had little access into the fabric of your organization.

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Sincerely.

Hayward M. Evans

CRC Co-Converner

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mailto:Jason.Konieczka@tukwilawa.gov 3/28/23, 8:08 AM Mail - Commission-Public-Records - Outlook [EXTERNAL] Support for the Port's Equity Policy Directive Cynthia Delostrinos Johnson

Mon 3/27/2023 10:28 PM

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Dear P ort of Sea le Commissioners,

As a Councilmember in the City of T ukwila, I write to encourage your support of the Port's Equity Policy Direc ve Resolu on.

T ukwila is a city greatly impacted by the Port and its decisions for several reasons, including: Many residents of Tukwila work at the Ports or for businesses that are directly impacted by the Ports;

Tukwila is directly impacted by the environmental decisions of the Port as we are a direct neighbor to SeaTac Interna onal Airport and the Duwamish River that runs through Tukwila;

The Port is a driver for economic growth and opportunity for the youth, residents, and businesses of Tukwila.

T ukwila is home to over 20,000 people, with nearly 70% of its popula on iden fying as persons of color, and o ver 40% of its residents speaking a language other than English at home. In 2019 the City of T ukwila adopted its own Equity Policy and has been taking steps to implement it in order to be er serve



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our community and those who work with and for the City of Tukwila.

Giv en the importance of the Port to the City of Tukwila, I believe the Port's Equity Policy Direc ve would ha ve a profoundly posi ve impact on the people and businesses of Tukwila, and I encourage your support.

Thank y ou,

C ynthia Delostrinos Johnson

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T ukwila City Council

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[EXTERNAL] Public Comment - March 28 2023 - Equity Policy Directive

Senayet Negusse

Tue 3/28/2023 7:41 AM

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Hello Port of Sea le Commissioners,

Public Comment for March 28 Mee ng regarding Equity Policy Direc ve

Senayet Negusse, Deputy Mayor for the City of SeaTac

I am writing in support of the Equity Policy Directive. This proposed policy is a significant step forward for the Port, benefiting the well-being of employees, visitors, and the surrounding communities.

As a council member in SeaTac, I strongly support this initiative specifically, the need to identify and eliminate disparities, ensure accountability, and proactively engage with the community to inform and influence decision-making related to Port projects, programs, and initiatives. Through community input, we can enhance community partnerships and promote positive change, ultimately leading to stronger and more inclusive Port community.

We must also recognize and work to undo the effects of racism in our systems and institutions by centering equity in all policies and practices. By prioritizing equity in decision-making, we can create a just and inclusive society where everyone has equal access to opportunities and resources. I believe this equity directive is essential for achieving systemic change and will ensure long-term sustainable transformation. Please support this policy.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to this work!

Warm Regards,

Senayet Negusse (she/her)

"sun-night nuh-goose-eh"

**Deputy Mayor** 

Email:snegusse@seatacwa.gov

Phone: 206.586.1915

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3/28/23, 8:00 AM Mail - Commission-Public-Records - Outlook [EXTERNAL] Please keep waterfront bicycle trail on west side of Alaskan Way Douglas Ollerenshaw Mon 3/27/2023 5:43 PM To: Commission-Public-Records

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Seattle Port Commission.

With great frustration, I have heard that there is a potential plan to force the upcoming waterfront bicycle path to make two unnecessary crossings of Alaskan Way near the cruise terminal. I am writing to express my strong objection to this plan. Please keep the path on the West side of Alaskan Way for its duration.

As a West Seattle resident, I expect to use the new path frequently when it is complete to connect to destinations in Interbay and Ballard.

Just like any transportation mode, efficiency and safety are important to users. Most cyclists are trying to get to work or home to their families. Introducing two unnecessary crossings, when combined with the inevitable signal time required to enable those crossings, will cost thousands of people to waste unnecessary time. These crossings also introduce two more points where potential conflicts with motor vehicles exist. I witness cars running red lights (often while trying to beat yellow lights) almost daily. The consequences would be deadly for cyclists in this scenario.

Additionally, many (if not most) users will soon learn that the crossings are an unnecessary burden. This will lead to people simply remaining on the west side of Alaskan Way to skip the crossings, riding on the sidewalk instead, which will undoubtedly lead to more conflicts with pedestrians than if cyclists were in a dedicated lane.

Above all, this plan shows extreme disrespect for cycling as a mode of transportation. If you are serious about encouraging people to use bicycles to replace auto trips - as you should be - then you should be doing everything possible to make those trips as efficient and pleasant as possible. There are other solutions that can be found to avoid conflicts with cruise passengers during the short windows where such conflicts are likely to be an issue at all. Some ideas:

- 1) Place handrails or other physical barriers on either side of the bike path in front of the cruise terminal. This will keep passengers from crossing the bike path anywhere but at expected crossing locations.
- 2) Raise or lower the cycle path so that it's at a slightly different grade than the surrounding sidewalk to give a visual signal that pedestrians are crossing.
- 3) Use colored paint on the bike path.
- 4) Separate the bike path from the pedestrian area with landscaping in order to funnel pedestrians to limited crossing areas.
- 5) Install warning lights for cyclists that flash during ship loading/unloading periods.

And if all of those fail, which seems unlikely, then limited time detours during ship loading/unloading should be considered only as a last resort.

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Please demonstrate that you put the interests of Seattle citizens, and especially those using the most environmentally responsible transportation mode, first.

Thank you, Doug Ollerenshaw d.ollerenshaw@gmail.com (503)750-6220.



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