

[EXTERNAL] Comment for November 14 Meeting

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Mon 11/13/2023 1:26 PM

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

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As the President and CEO of the 106-year-old Lighthouse for the Blind, Inc., headquartered in Seattle, a frequent traveler through SeaTac International Airport who is totally blind, and as a relatively new member of the Accessibility Advisory Council, I applaud the thoughtful efforts of the Port of Seattle and SEA staff dedicated to embracing equity and inclusion of visitors and residents with disabilities who use the airport and all port facilities. I urge continued support for the Accessibility Advisory Council and for the Accessibility Order. I am proud to be associated with an organization committed to ensuring a positive experience for travelers with disabilities. From the flower lanyards, to sensory spaces, to accessible pick-up/drop-off locations, SEA is leading the way in providing innovative, specialized services that truly allow individuals with disabilities and families traveling with individuals who have a disability, to feel comfortable and know they are valued.

Respectfully,
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Our Mission: We empower people who are blind, DeafBlind, and blind with other disabilities by creating diverse, sustainable, and meaningful employment opportunities.

[EXTERNAL] November 14th Meeting Comment

Kimber Behrends <kibehrends@alz.org>

Fri 11/10/2023 12:42 PM

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

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Hello,

I am writing to support the commission accessibility order for the Port of Seattle to continue to lead the way in developing the Seattle-Tacoma Airport (SEA) as the most accessible airport in the nation. The work that SEA has been doing to become the most accessible and inclusive airport has made a positive impact in the community and has helped make people feel more comfortable traveling through Seattle.

It is important to continue the commitment to construct and operate SEA as one of the most accessible airports in the nation.

Thank you,
Kimber Behrends

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The health and safety of our constituents, volunteers and staff remain our driver as we address the COVID-19 outbreak and as we continue to pursue our mission, today and in the longer term. The Alzheimer's Association is available to you 24/7 for around-the-clock care and support at 800-272-3900. [Learn more.](#)

[EXTERNAL] Public Comment from Ryan Fox (SEA) for November 14 MeetingRyan Fox <ryan.p.fox@gmail.com>

Sun 11/12/2023 7:23 PM

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Hello,

I am a member of the Accessibility Advisory Committee for Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. You may have heard my voice on the overhead announcements at the airport welcoming special travelers and talking about the FlySEA app. It was an honor to record that. Many friends, family members, and colleagues have told me they've heard the announcement.

I fly in and out of SEA quite often to perform with orchestras in other cities. My journeys give me insights into how our airport differs from a number of others. I'm very proud of the work we've done regarding signage, comfort areas, the sunflower lanyard program, and other projects and features that make SEA special. It is proactive, intentional, and groundbreaking work under the leadership of Ms. Chelsea Rodriguez and others. I look forward to continuing to contribute my effort and ideas in any way I can to help it be a great airport for all.

Soon, as commissioners you will be considering an Accessibility Order, as well as considering unveiling the new *SEA Access* program. Thank you for your attention to these matters. It has been a fun collaboration working on these. As a person with autism, I understand how travel can impact people in different ways than you might think. Sensory overload and communication challenges impact my travel experience. I am also an ambassador for the DO-IT program at UW, so I have familiarity with many different disabilities beyond my own, and I can affirm how important it is that SEA provide support for a wide variety of travelers to make their way through the airport efficiently and in comfort. Thank you for your continuing efforts to create a wonderful space for air travelers!

Sincerely,

Ryan Fox

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