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Diane Sugimura
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Director, Department of Planning and Development
700 5th Avenue
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RE: Comments on the 2011 Shoreline Master Program Update

Dear Ms. Sugimura,

I am writing you as a member of the Seattle Shoreline Master Program Update Citizen Advisory Committee. I am the Seattle Branch Agent for the Sailors' Union of the Pacific; Maritime Section Executive Board Member of the Martin Luther King County Labor Council; and President, Puget Sound Ports Council, Maritime Trades Department AFL-CIO.

I want you to know we greatly appreciate the time and staff effort that has gone into developing the various drafts and reports that your Department has issued. I am fully aware of the complexity of these issues and various stakeholder groups that are involved in this process to develop Seattle's Shoreline Master Plan update.

A growing Port and the maritime/industrial sector on Seattle's shoreline are of prime interest to our members. We also understand that this cannot come at the expense of our environment.

I have followed the process through my own involvement, but I have followed the concerns of the maritime/industrial businesses and the Port of Seattle.

At this stage in the process I am very concerned that there are many unresolved issues in the development of the Shoreline Master Plan Update. These issues need to be resolved

in a way that encourages these businesses/employers to expand and maintain their presence in Seattle, without harming the environment.

The Seattle Maritime Cluster employs more workers than the entire Long Beach/Los Angeles harbor area. The unions affiliated in the Martin Luther King County Labor Council and the Puget Sound Ports Council, Maritime Trades AFL-CIO is fully committed to working with your Department to successfully resolve these issues.

Respectfully,



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