

46th District Democrats

Resolution of Censure and Call for Investigation at Port of Seattle Commission

WHEREAS, the Port of Seattle is responsible for the management and operations of the Sea-Tac International Airport, Seattle seaport, local marinas and extensive real estate assets, and

WHEREAS, the Port of Seattle is governed by elected Commissioners who are responsible for oversight and ensuring that Port operations are transparent, efficient, profitable, safe, and serve the citizens of King County, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mic Dinsmore has been the Executive Director of the Port of Seattle for 15 years and recently retired as the *highest paid port executive in the entire country* with: A) an annual salary of \$339,841 *that is over 33 times the 2007 Federal Poverty Guideline* of \$10,210, and B) an extensive expense account including all costs for a leased luxury auto, extravagant entertaining, thousands of dollars in bar and restaurant tabs, and first class travel to exotic locales, and

WHEREAS, recent news stories have noted that Mr. Dinsmore has \$858,617 in two retirement accounts, including \$431,231 in port contributions, and is due a \$107,000 annual pension *that is over 10 times the 2007 Federal Poverty Guideline* of \$10,210, and giving him one of the most profitable pensions in the history of state and local government in Washington state, and

WHEREAS, Port Commissioner Pat Davis signed a letter dated Oct. 10, 2006, while she was President of the Commission, that attempted to authorize a supplemental severance package of one year's salary to Mr. Dinsmore in the amount of \$339,841 without public notice, public review or a public vote of approval by the Commission, and

WHEREAS, it is illegal for any individual Port Commissioner or for the Port Commission as a body to authorize the expenditure of funds for a supplemental payout to Mr. Dinsmore without public notice and a public vote of the full Commission.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 46th District Democrats hereby call for a full and complete investigation into the circumstances and actions surrounding the attempt to authorize the illegal, unethical and unearned payout of one year's salary in the amount of \$339,841 to former Port of Seattle Executive Director Mic Dinsmore, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if it is found that Port Commissioner Pat Davis, or any other complicit Commissioners, did attempt to authorize the illegal, unethical and unearned payout of \$339,841 to former

Port of Seattle Executive Director Mic Dinsmore, then the 46th District Democrats hereby censure Seattle Port Commissioner Pat Davis, and any other complicit Commissioners, for the abuse of public trust, abuse of power, misuse of public funds and failure to perform the duties as a sworn public official, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if it is found that Port Commissioner Pat Davis, or any other complicit Commissioners, did attempt to authorize the illegal, unethical and unearned payout of \$339,841 to former Port of Seattle Executive Director Mic Dinsmore, then the 46th District Democrats hereby call for the immediate resignation of Seattle Port Commissioner Pat Davis and any other complicit Commissioners.

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