

RESOLUTION NO. 3508

A RESOLUTION of the Port Commission of the Port of Seattle endorsing the efforts of the State of Washington, the Counties of King, Pierce and Snohomish, business and labor leaders, and the Ports of Seattle, Tacoma and Everett to present a compelling and competitive proposal to Boeing to secure the 7E7 assembly plant for the State of Washington.

WHEREAS, Boeing Commercial Airplane Company is currently conducting a nationwide search for a site for the assembly of its 7E7 aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Boeing is Washington State's largest private employer and serves as a major economic engine for our state; and

WHEREAS, the presence of numerous Boeing facilities in Western Washington has resulted in an extensive network of supporting suppliers and service providers in Western Washington that employ thousands of workers and generate many millions of dollars in economic activity each year; and

WHEREAS, Boeing has created a skilled, highly educated and capable workforce; and

WHEREAS, Boeing is the nation's largest exporter and its aircraft and components comprise a significant portion of the State's imports and exports; and

WHEREAS, one of every three jobs in Washington State are supported directly by trade; and

WHEREAS, the Ports of Seattle, Tacoma and Everett (the Ports) handle a great deal of freight used in the manufacture of Boeing aircraft and have developed an extensive infrastructure of shipping terminals, docks and rail connections to move goods; and

WHEREAS, the Ports participated in the Washington Competitiveness Council identifying several impediments that have inhibited the ability of businesses to grow and thrive; and

WHEREAS, the Ports have been founding supporters of the Regional Partnership, a coalition of community leaders and organizations from King, Pierce and Snohomish counties committed to improving regional transportation, protecting and improving our ports, supporting higher education and workforce training, and building Boeing planes in Washington,

WHEREAS, good progress has been made to improve freight mobility by completing Freight Action Strategy (FAST) corridor projects, a partnership among the Ports, the State, the Counties of King, Pierce and Snohomish, and numerous municipalities, and railroads to improve the local road and rail transportation networks; and

WHEREAS, the Ports join with Boeing in its desire for improved transportation systems, first-class educational institutions, removal of impediments to economic development such as the conditions that have delayed construction of the third runway at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, and an improved business climate, and

WHEREAS, the Ports believe that there are many outstanding relations within our region for the location of the planned 7E7 assembly plant and;

WHEREAS, the Ports believe that the location of the 7E7 assembly plant in Western Washington is vital to our region's continued economic growth for the future and that the loss of Boeing jobs would have a significant negative effect on our state and region;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Port Commission expresses its unanimous position that the State of Washington, the Counties of King, Pierce and Snohomish, business and labor leaders and the Ports of Seattle, Tacoma and Everett should act swiftly and in concert to address the specific needs of Boeing in selecting a site for the 7E7 assembly plant and to take every reasonable and prudent step to ensure our region presents a compelling proposal that is competitive with other states vying for the plant.

ADOPTED by the Port Commission of the Port of Seattle, at a regular meeting thereof held this 10th day of June, 2003, and duly authenticated in open session by the signatures of the Commissioners voting in favor thereof and the seal of the Commission.

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Port Commissioner

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June 5, 2003

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Port of Seattle Commission
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Dear Commissioner Davis:

I will be unable to attend the Port Commission regular meeting of June 10, 2003. However, I am familiar with Resolution No. 3508, "Endorsing the efforts of the State of Washington, business and labor leaders and the Ports of Seattle, Tacoma and Everett to present a compelling and competitive proposal to Boeing to secure the 7E7 assembly plant for the State of Washington".

I consent to Resolution No. 3508 being introduced for first reading and placed on second reading and final passage at the June 10, 2003 Commission regular meeting.

Please enter this consent in the official minutes of the meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Clare Nordquist', written over a large, light gray 'COPY' watermark.

Clare Nordquist
Commission Secretary

