

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

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4 **WHEREAS**, the Port of Seattle is responsible for the management and operations of the
5 Sea-Tac International Airport, Seattle seaport, local marinas and extensive real estate
6 assets; and
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8 **WHEREAS**, the Port of Seattle is governed by elected Commissioners who are
9 responsible for oversight and ensuring that Port operations are transparent, efficient,
10 profitable, safe, and serve the citizens of King County; and
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12 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Mic Dinsmore has been the Executive Director of the Port of Seattle for
13 15 years and recently retired as the highest paid port executive in the entire country
14 with: A) an annual salary of \$339,841 that is over 33 times the 2007 Federal Poverty
15 Guideline of \$10,210, and B) an extensive expense account including all costs for a
16 leased luxury auto, extravagant entertaining, thousands of dollars in bar and restaurant
17 tabs, and first class travel to exotic locales; and
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19 **WHEREAS**, recent news stories have noted that Mr. Dinsmore has \$858,617 in two
20 retirement accounts, including \$431,231 in port contributions, and is due a \$107,000
21 annual pension that is over 10 times the 2007 Federal Poverty Guideline of \$10,210, and
22 giving him one of the most profitable pensions in the history of state and local
23 government in Washington state; and
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25 **WHEREAS**, Port Commissioner Pat Davis signed a letter dated Oct. 10, 2006, while she
26 was President of the Commission, that attempted to authorize a supplemental
27 severance package of one year's salary to Mr. Dinsmore in the amount of \$339,841
28 without public notice, public review or a public vote of approval by the Commission;
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31 **WHEREAS**, it is illegal for any individual Port Commissioner or for the Port
32 Commission as a body to authorize the expenditure of funds for a supplemental payout
33 to Mr. Dinsmore without public notice and a public vote of the full Commission;
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35 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Washington State Democratic
36 Central Committee hereby calls for a full and complete investigation into the
37 circumstances and actions surrounding the attempt to authorize the illegal, unethical
38 and unearned payout of one year's salary in the amount of \$339,841 to former Port of
39 Seattle Executive Director Mic Dinsmore, and
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42 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if it is found that Port Commissioner Pat Davis, or
43 any other complicit Commissioners, did attempt to authorize the illegal, unethical and

44 unearned payout of \$339,841 to former Port of Seattle Executive Director Mic Dinsmore,
45 then the Washington State Democratic Central Committee hereby censures Seattle Port
46 Commissioner Pat Davis, and any other complicit Commissioners, for the abuse of
47 public trust, abuse of power, misuse of public funds and failure to perform the duties as
48 a sworn public official, and

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50 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if it is found that Port Commissioner Pat Davis, or
51 any other complicit Commissioners, did attempt to authorize the illegal, unethical and
52 unearned payout of \$339,841 to former Port of Seattle Executive Director Mic Dinsmore,
53 then the Washington State Democratic Central Committee hereby calls for the
54 immediate resignation of Seattle Port Commissioner Pat Davis and any other complicit
55 Commissioners.

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58 Submitted by the King County Democrats to the Washington State Democratic Central
59 Committee for consideration at its April 28, 2007 meeting in Bellingham. (Date
60 Submitted 4/25/2007)

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62 The WSDCC Resolutions Committee "RECOMMENDED A PASS" on this resolution at
63 its April 28, 2007 meeting in Bellingham.

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65 The WSDCC "PASSED" this resolution at its April 28, 2007 meeting in Bellingham.