<u>**Amendment #1 to Resolution 31576**</u>

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Planning, Land Use, and Sustainability Committee

New recitals on living wage, unionized jobs in the clean energy sector.

This amendment would add five additional recitals to Resolution 31576. The recitals articulate support for the creation of living wage, unionized jobs in the clean energy sector. The content of the amendment is shown below in <u>underline</u>.

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WHEREAS, the 2013 Seattle Climate Action Plan identifies actions to achieve City climate goals while also advancing other City goals, including transportation choices, building energy efficiency, solid waste reduction, urban forest protection, sustainable economic development, and clean air; and

WHEREAS, The City of Seattle (City) and the Port of Seattle (Port) share a strong commitment to climate protection; and

WHEREAS, that commitment includes a strong emphasis on achieving emission reductions, which is consistent with the best available science and the essential international commitment to keeping global warming to no more than 2 degrees Celsius, in order to prevent catastrophic and irreversible impacts, including, locally, sea level rise, ocean acidification, and loss of snowpack; and

WHEREAS, burning enough oil to justify Arctic drilling would trigger dramatic sea level rise, subjecting large areas of Seattle to inundation and storm water damage, including the Port itself; and

WHEREAS, ocean acidification corresponding to this level of oil use would make the oceans uninhabitable for many of the iconic species of the Puget Sound; and

WHEREAS, the City and Port are both accountable to the people of Seattle, with a duty to represent their values and interests in open, public, and transparent decision-making processes; and

<u>WHEREAS, fossil fuel corporations often cite jobs as justification for expansions; and</u>

WHEREAS, every job is of vital importance to workers' living standards, and positions taken by the City should affirm that importance; and

WHEREAS, research from the Political Economy Research Institute shows that "clean-energy activities produce more jobs, dollar for dollar, than fossil fuel-related activities"; and

WHEREAS, Steelworkers at several oil refineries operated by Shell went on strike in 2015 against intolerable and unsafe working conditions; and

WHEREAS, a broad spectrum of business, labor, environmental, and civic interests have signed on to a "Shared Vision of Sustainable Prosperity," a vision that links economic prosperity, environmental integrity, and social justice; and

WHEREAS, the City and Port have developed economic strategies that fully embrace sustainability and climate solutions as assets that sustain and expand our prosperity; and

WHEREAS, the transition from fossil fuels to clean energy must be accomplished by phasing in clean energy and transportation solutions in a way that makes them affordable to all and reduces, rather than aggravates, social and economic inequities; and

WHEREAS, accomplishing this transition requires a sustained and serious commitment to initiatives that reduce emissions and grow the clean energy economy, and a firm commitment to avoid new, long-term investments and initiatives like Arctic drilling; and

WHEREAS, the City and Port have the ability and the moral obligation to promote a just transition to green energy infrastructure and away from an expansion of the oil industry, in a manner that protects and creates living wage, unionized jobs; and

WHEREAS, broad community support for the policies and investments needed to sustain and improve the Port as a working waterfront with a significant number of family-supporting jobs is vital to the future of the Port and Seattle's employment base, and that support would be undermined by use of the Port to stage Arctic drilling operations; and

WHEREAS, responding to the melting of the polar ice caps – driven by unsustainably high levels of fossil fuel consumption – as an opportunity to drill for more oil where the ice used to be represents an act of unconscionable climate irresponsibility; NOW, THEREFORE,

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