

41 “A Changing Tide” was created by a diverse group of tribal, community, labor, education, and
42 industry leaders from the Seattle area and calls for the development of this school to equip
43 students who are furthest from economic opportunity and climate-adaptive, new-economy
44 jobs in the Puget Sound region.

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46 The Port of Seattle shall facilitate efforts to convene regional stakeholders, with an emphasis on
47 South King County communities and school districts, maritime education non-profit
48 organizations, labor and industry, and aligned government agencies, in pursuit of the mission
49 and vision, and supported by the guiding principles identified in “A Changing Tide.”

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52 **STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION**

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54 The case statement recommends the development of a maritime and ocean sciences high
55 school and reflects the interest from the Duwamish Valley youth residents to locate the high
56 school in their community. This recommendation aligns with the port’s Duwamish Valley
57 Community Benefits Commitment Policy Directive. A goal of this policy is to support economic
58 prosperity in place with anti-displacement solutions in the Duwamish Valley Community that
59 create equitable access to training, jobs, career pathways, and port-related economic
60 opportunities and requires the port to:

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- 62 • Invest in youth workforce development programs that prepare youth in the community
63 for opportunities in port-related career pathways
- 64 • Provide outreach and career building trainings to youth
- 65 • Identify opportunities for youth to participate in port-related trades and experiential
66 learning activities
- 67 • Partner with educational programs that link youth to career connected learning
68 opportunities across all port-related industries

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70 The Seattle region has created more new wealth than most other metropolitan areas in the
71 country, while area schools offer few educational career pathways into maritime careers and
72 marginalized communities. Students of color make up more than 70 percent of students in the
73 residential areas, like the Duwamish Valley, closest to many of the region’s maritime industries.
74 Ideally, these populations should enjoy commensurate representation in the port-related
75 workforce. Support for the development of a maritime and ocean sciences high school along
76 the Duwamish Waterway supports the port’s commitment to the Duwamish Valley Community.