



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

Legislative Summary

Res 31576

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Title: A RESOLUTION related to the use of the Port of Seattle's Terminal 5 for Arctic drilling operations.

Notes:

Filed with City Clerk: 5/15/2015

Mayor's Signature: 5/15/2015

Sponsors: O'Brien

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Veto Sustained:

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Ver- sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	City Clerk	04/10/2015	sent for review	Council President's Office			
	Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was sent for review. to the Council President's Office						
	Notes:						
1	Council President's Office	04/16/2015	sent for review	Planning, Land Use, and Sustainability Committee			
	Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was sent for review. to the Planning, Land Use, and Sustainability Committee						
	Notes:						
1	Full Council	04/20/2015	referred	Planning, Land Use, and Sustainability Committee			
	Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was referred. to the Planning, Land Use, and Sustainability Committee						
	Notes:						
1	Planning, Land Use, and Sustainability Committee	05/05/2015	adopt				Pass
	Action Text: The Committee recommends that Full Council adopt the Resolution (Res).						

In Favor: 4 Chair O'Brien, Vice Chair Burgess, Member Licata, Sawant
Opposed: 0

1 Full Council 05/11/2015 adopted as amended Pass

Action Text: The Motion carried, the Resolution (Res) was adopted as amended by the following vote, and the President signed the Resolution:

Notes: ACTION 1:

Motion was made by Councilmember Sawant, duly seconded and carried, to amend Resolution No. 31576, by adding five recitals listed below and provided in the Proposed Amendment as a Supporting Document.

7th-10th Recitals:

WHEREAS, fossil fuel corporations often cite jobs as justification for expansions; and

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

15th Recital:

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

ACTION 2:

Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt Resolution No. 31576 as amended.

In Favor: 9 Councilmember Bagshaw, Council President Burgess, Councilmember Godden, Councilmember Harrell, Councilmember Licata, Councilmember O'Brien, Councilmember Okamoto, Councilmember Rasmussen, Councilmember Sawant

Opposed: 0

2 City Clerk 05/12/2015 submitted for Mayor
Mayor's signature

Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was submitted for Mayor's signature. to the Mayor

Notes:

2 Mayor 05/15/2015 Signed

Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was Signed.

Notes:

2 Mayor 05/15/2015 returned City Clerk

Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was returned. to the City Clerk

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CITY OF SEATTLE
RESOLUTION 31576

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6 A RESOLUTION related to the use of the Port of Seattle's Terminal 5 for Arctic drilling
7 operations.

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

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

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

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

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

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

4 WHEREAS, fossil fuel corporations often cite jobs as justification for expansions; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

11 THEREFORE,

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13 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE**
14 **MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:**

15 Section 1. The City of Seattle (City) opposes federal permits or leases to authorize Arctic
16 drilling, on the grounds that such drilling would violate global, national, and local commitments
17 to limit carbon emissions to levels that prevent dangerous anthropogenic interference with the
18 climate system.

19 Section 2. The City affirms its robust policy commitments to climate protection and
20 sustainability, commitments which urgently compel the City to oppose Arctic drilling and the use
21 of Seattle's harbor and waterfront for staging and supporting Arctic drilling operations.

1 Section 3. The City urges the Port of Seattle (Port) to reconsider its Terminal 5 lease, and
2 avoid the disruption, division, and direct conflict with its stated values and policies that use of
3 the Port for Arctic drilling operations will inevitably cause.

4 Section 4. The City urges the Port to begin a collaborative dialogue with the City, and
5 other jurisdictions affected by the decision to use Terminal 5 as a homeport for Arctic drilling
6 operations, about how to achieve an outcome for Terminal 5 that better serves our residents.

7 Section 5. The City urges the Port to work cooperatively and collaboratively with the
8 City and the community to maintain a healthy working waterfront and maritime economy in
9 ways that further the City's commitment to climate solutions.

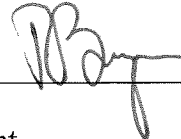
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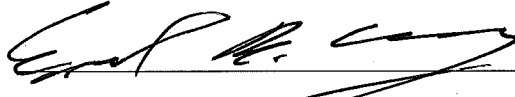
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Adopted by the City Council the 11th day of MAY, 2015, and
signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 11th day
of MAY, 2015.




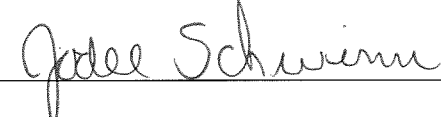
President _____ of the City Council

The Mayor concurred the 15th day of MAY, 2015.



Edward B. Murray, Mayor

Filed by me this 15th day of MAY, 2015.



for _____
Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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