



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
CONCERNING RENOVATION AND EXPANSION OF  
THE SEATTLE AQUARIUM AND DEVELOPMENT OF  
THE CENTRAL WATERFRONT – AMENDMENT #2**

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PARKS, SEATTLE CENTER, LIBRARIES, AND WATERFRONT  
COMMITTEE

# TODAY'S AGENDA



- City & Aquarium Partnership Goals
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# CITY AND AQUARIUM PARTNERSHIP GOALS



- The Seattle Aquarium's Ocean Pavilion is a key element of the Waterfront Seattle vision.
- The Ocean Pavilion will broaden the delivery of the Aquarium's mission *Inspiring Conservation of the Marine Environment* and advance shared learning around an Ocean Ethic.
- The Ocean Pavilion will engage an increasing number of visitors to the waterfront and activate the redeveloped waterfront throughout the year, day, and night.
- The Ocean Pavilion and Overlook Walk will be designed through a collaborative process resulting in two projects that can be delivered independently.
- The design and implementation of both projects will rely on and be strengthened through a robust stakeholder engagement process.

# BACKGROUND



Year	Action	Purpose
2008	Resolution 31080	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>States all future phases of Aquarium development should be consistent with Central Waterfront Master Plan</li> <li>Acknowledges City resources required for future Aquarium development</li> </ul>
2009	Ordinance 123205	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Authorizes transition of Aquarium operations and maintenance from Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) to Seattle Aquarium Society (SEAS).</li> </ul>
2012	Resolution 31399	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourages partnerships with Pike Place Market and Aquarium to integrate expansions into Waterfront Concept Design.</li> </ul>
2013	Ordinance 124121	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Authorized execution of MOU to guide renovation and expansion of Seattle Aquarium between City and SEAS</li> </ul>
2015	Ordinance 124908	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amended MOU to increase City spending cap from \$1 million to \$1.8 million.</li> </ul>
2015	Resolution 31603	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approved SEAS Master Plan and potential on-land Aquarium expansion.</li> </ul>

# OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT



- Reaffirms role of Ocean Pavilion as key element of Waterfront Seattle vision.
- Aquarium to fund 30% design, achieve and surpass 1:1 match
- Commitment to close coordination and collaboration
- Pavilion and Overlook Walk designed and constructed as independent projects
- Regular executive level meetings between OW and SEAS
- Outlines process for 60% design and Project Development Agreement (PDA)

# TIMELINE



## 2017

- Complete 30% design
- Develop funding plan

## 2018

- Advance Aquarium environmental review
- MOU submitted for Council consideration
- 60% design completed

## 2019

- PDA submitted for Council consideration
- 90% design completed



**QUESTIONS?**