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Dear Gentlemen:

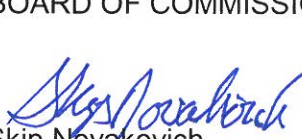
Thank you for your presentation to the Port Commission on June 28, 2016 related to the potential rivershore transfer of lands from the federal government to local jurisdictions. We agree with you that this is an important community issue.

We appreciate your discussion related to the question of how much development the public would support if lands were transferred, the type of development such as condos and commercial development, and even whether the public would be supportive of the tribal casino which you mentioned in your presentation. We applaud you for asking these questions and we support a full community discussion including meaningful dialog with local tribes, who we believe are very concerned about lands being transferred out of federal ownership because that may result in the loss of their reserved treaty rights and protection of tribal resources. Finally, we appreciate your efforts to gain Senator Murray's support which we feel is critical to this process.


Again, thank you for your outreach to the port.

Sincerely,

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