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Municipal League Launches Port of Seattle Study

The Municipal League of King County today launched a Port of Seattle Study Committee led by Bruce Carter, past chair of the Municipal League.

“Our goal is to enhance open, transparent and effective management and oversight of the Port of Seattle,” Carter said. The Port serves King County residents by operating Seattle’s maritime facilities and Sea-Tac Airport, as well as promoting economic development.

The study, conducted under the auspices of the Municipal League Foundation, will initially focus on the following topics:

- 1) the Port’s mission and governance,
- 2) the Port’s use of its tax authority, public funds and exemption from taxation,
- 3) the Port’s acquisition, use and disposition of its land holdings, and
- 4) the Port’s ethics, conflicts of interest and open-meeting policies.

The Committee will gather and analyze information over the next several months. Anyone with suggestions or concerns to share with the Committee may send email to portinfo@munileague.org or leave a message at 206-622-8333.

The Municipal League’s involvement with the Port of Seattle dates back nearly a century. In 1911 the League successfully advocated for the creation of the publicly owned port to offset the influence of shipping and railroad monopolies. It last studied the Port of Seattle in 1992-1993.

About the Municipal League

The Municipal League of King County is a nonpartisan volunteer organization that has worked to ensure good government that is open, effective and accountable since 1910. The Municipal League is dedicated to improving the caliber of public officials and the quality of public decisions. For more information see www.munileague.org.

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