



Seattle Port Commissioner Fred Felleman Announces Reelection Campaign

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Today, Seattle Port Commissioner Fred Felleman announced the launch of his re-election campaign to continue to serve the residents of King County for a third term on the Commission.

"I'm very excited for the opportunity to continue advancing the Port's triple bottom line focused on commerce, community and climate during my third term on the Commission," Felleman said.

Fred Felleman has been a marine conservation and maritime safety champion in the Pacific Northwest for over four decades. The longest serving member on the Commission, his leadership at the Port over the past seven years has helped transform this vital government institution from being run primarily as a business into one that strives to do well so that it can do public good.

"I've known Commissioner Felleman since prior to his election to the Port and I know the wealth of institutional knowledge, passion and commitment he brings to economic development and environmental sustainability at the Commission which we all continue to benefit from with his re-election." said Washington State Commissioner of Public Lands Hilary Franz.

Despite COVID and supply chain-related disruptions, during his current term in office the Port continues to make unprecedented investments in infrastructure such as Terminal 5 and the new international arrivals facility, in addition to tens of millions for community programs while advancing its climate goals 10 years early. He has expanded the Port's strategic partnerships with King County, Tribal governments, and the Seattle Aquarium thereby building awareness and support for port operations.

Fred's focus on broadening opportunities for domestic and international travelers to experience nature-based tourism, while respecting the places being visited, has led to his appointment to the US Department of Commerce's Travel and Tourism Advisory Board.

"There's rarely been a time when the role of a vibrant, economically strong Port has been more important than right now. Fred brings an authentic, energetic combination of policy drive, economic insight, and environmental focus to his role as a commissioner. When tough issues surface, Fred does the hard work of finding a path forward together," said former State Senator Reuven Carlyle

In addition to channeling the unprecedented levels of state and federal funding that will be available to combat climate change during his third term, Felleman will focus on helping assure the Port provides quality service and operates in a transparent and fiscally responsible manner. He will work to see that it provides inclusive economic benefits to the region while reducing impacts on communities living near the airport and seaport.

"Commissioner Felleman has demonstrated leadership in helping to assure the Port fosters an inclusive economy for the benefit of the public, workers and the environment," said Seattle City Councilperson Teresa Mosqueda.

"Thank you for the privilege to serve as your Seattle Port Commissioner the past 7 years. With your support I look forward to continuing to apply my professional background and experience on the Commission to advance the broadest public interest for another term," Felleman said.

For more information visit www.fredforport.com

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Background

Commissioner Felleman currently serves on the Port's Industrial Lands Committee, the Art Committee as well as the Energy, Climate and Sustainability Committee. He is a Port tribal liaison and represents the Port on the Puget Sound Regional Council's Growth Management Board, the Puget Sound Partnership's Ecosystem Coordination Board and the Highline Forum. He serves on the Visit Seattle Board and was recently appointed to the US Department of Commerce's Travel and Tourism Advisory Board.

Elected in 2015, Commissioner Felleman's first term in office was focused on making foundational changes in how the Port relates to the community and the planet which made subsequent accomplishments possible. As a member of the selection committee, he played a central role in the firing of the previous CEO and hiring of Executive Steve Metruck. He also continued to lead efforts to expand the capacity of the Commission office thereby enabling the Commission to develop policies more responsive to its constituents in King County.

As founding member of the Energy and Sustainability Committee, Commissioner Felleman championed the creation of a Center for Environmental Excellence with an elevated focus on climate change and environmental justice following the creation of the Office of Equity Diversity and Inclusion.

Throughout his career, Felleman has been dedicated to working to protect the marine environment and all those dependent on it. Galvanized by the devastating impacts of the Exxon Valdez oil spill in 1989, he established WAVE Consulting to advance maritime safety and innovation to help avert such a disaster from occurring in Washington.

For 15 years prior to his first election, Felleman had been working to reduce the environmental impacts of cruise since the first ship arrived at Pier 69. He continues those efforts at the Port and consults with local, state, federal, international, and tribal governments as well as national ocean conservation organizations on other efforts to sustain the Salish Sea and beyond.

Commissioner Felleman earned his Master's of Science in Fisheries Biology from the University of Washington in 1985 where he studied the feeding habits of killer

whales. He has lived in Ballard for the past 30 years where he raised his son and is married to Amy Trainer.