

## MEMORANDUM

March 23, 2017

TO: MEMBERS, PORT COMMISSION  
Hon. Willie Adams, President  
Hon. Kimberly Brandon, Vice President  
Hon. Leslie Katz  
Hon. Eleni Kounalakis  
Hon. Doreen Woo Ho

FROM: Elaine Forbes  
Executive Director

SUBJECT: Request approval for a member of the San Francisco Port Commission to travel to Washington, D.C. on April 26-28, 2017 for the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce City Trip

**DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION:** Approve Attached Resolution

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### **Executive Summary:**

Port staff requests that the Port Commission approve Vice President Kimberly Brandon's travel to Washington, D.C. to attend the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce City Trip on April 26-28, 2017. Port Commission Vice President Brandon will accompany the Port's Executive Director, Director of Special Projects and Deputy Director of Planning and Development. This trip will give the Port Commissioner an opportunity to meet with members of Congress, Senior Trump Administration officials, labor leaders and others on priorities important to the San Francisco and Bay Area economies, including: infrastructure, transportation funding, education reform, affordable housing, travel industry, immigration and more.

### **Background:**

On April 26-28, 2017, the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce will lead a delegation of business, government and labor leaders to Washington D.C. to advocate for San Francisco's key priorities. The City Trip D.C. is the Chamber's annual trip to Washington, D.C. and is recognized as one of the Bay Area's leading legislative trips to the nation's capital featuring small group advocacy meetings, senior level briefings and exclusive special events. This year, Board of Supervisors President London Breed, and newly sworn-in members Hillary Ronan and Jeff Sheehy will be joining the delegation.

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Each year, the delegation meets with key Congressional and Administration officials. Meetings have been set with Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, Senator Dianne Feinstein, Chairman of the House Transportation Committee Bill Shuster, and members of the Bay Area delegation.

The new administration in D.C. will likely introduce a change of policy and funding priorities across the country. It is essential that local business and civic leaders connect with federal lawmakers and agency officials to discuss potential impacts to the City and the Bay Area. The SF Chamber will also put together panels on health care and immigration. The trip will include an exclusive tour of NPR national headquarters and meetings at US Travel.

With Port Commission Vice President Kimberly Brandon's background in finance, her participation is crucial in the discussion with regards to funding available to all ports across the country and its impact to our port and our local economy.

This trip to Washington, D.C. will provide her an opportunity to tour Forest City's The Yards, which is a dynamic mixed-use community within walking distance of Capitol Hill and the Washington Nationals ballpark. The Yards is home to more than a dozen restaurants, multiple residential communities, and the award-winning, waterfront Yards Park, which provides the green space centerpiece of the neighborhood. The Yards mirrors the project that Port developer Forest City is developing at Pier 70.

**Recommendation:**

Attached for your consideration and approval is a resolution authorizing Port Commission Vice President Kimberly Brandon to travel to Washington, D.C. with Port staff on April 26-28, 2017. The cost of this trip is covered in the Port Commission's Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget.

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**PORT COMMISSION  
CITY & COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO**

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-15**

- WHEREAS, Each year, the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce leads a delegation of business, government and labor leaders to Washington D.C. to advocate for San Francisco's key priorities; and
- WHEREAS, For the past few years, the Port of San Francisco has participated in the annual City Trip to Washington D.C.; and
- WHEREAS, Each year, the delegation meets with key Congressional and Administration officials; and
- WHEREAS, Meetings have been set with Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, Senator Dianne Feinstein, Chairman of the House Transportation Committee Bill Shuster, and members of the Bay Area delegation; and
- WHEREAS, With Port Commission Vice President Kimberly Brandon's background in finance, her participation is crucial in the discussion with regards to funding available to all ports across the country and its impact to our port and our local economy; and
- WHEREAS, This trip to Washington, D.C. will provide Port Commission Vice President Kimberly Brandon an opportunity to tour Forest City's The Yards, which is a dynamic mixed-use community and it mirrors the project that Port developer Forest City is developing at Pier 70; and
- WHEREAS, The cost of this trip is covered in the Port's Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget; now, therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the Port Commission hereby approves this travel request.

***I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Port Commission at its meeting of March 28, 2017.***

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Secretary