### MEMORANDUM

May 4, 2018

- TO: MEMBERS, PORT COMMISSION Hon. Kimberly Brandon, President Hon. Willie Adams, Vice President Hon. Gail Gilman Hon. Victor Makras Hon. Doreen Woo Ho
- FROM: Elaine Forbes Executive Director
- SUBJECT: Request approval for a member of the San Francisco Port Commission to travel to Montreal, Quebec on June 19-21, 2018 to attend the American Association of Port Authorities Seminar for Port Governing Boards and Commissions

## DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION: Approve Attached Resolution

### **Executive Summary:**

Port staff requests that the Port Commission approve President Kimberly Brandon's travel to Montreal, Quebec to attend the American Association of Port Authorities Seminar for Port Governing Boards and Commissions on June 19-21, 2018. This trip will give Port Commission President an opportunity to represent the Port of San Francisco and meet with her counterparts from the U.S. and Canada. This is a one-of-a-kind seminar designed specifically for members of port governing boards and commissions.

### **Background:**

The American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) is the unified voice of the seaport industry in the Americas, representing more than 130 public port authorities in the U.S., Canada, the Caribbean and Latin America. For more than a century, AAPA membership has empowered port authorities and their maritime industry partners to serve global customers and create economic and social value for their communities. Our events, resources and partnerships connect, inform and unify seaport leaders and maritime professionals who deliver prosperity around the western hemisphere. For its U.S. members, AAPA provides compelling advocacy and effective public outreach to influence seaports' most urgent public policy issues.

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Today, AAPA continues to promote the common interests of the port community, and provides critical industry leadership on security, trade, transportation, infrastructure, environmental and other issues related to port development and operations. AAPA delivers programs and opportunities that provide outstanding value for all AAPA members, and special forums provide port executives and professionals the opportunity to discuss and collaborate to resolve the challenges most relevant to their ports.

The AAPA Seminar for Port Governing Boards and Commissions will be attended by commissioners, board members and industry experts from around the country and Canada. The following are the various topics that will be discussed at the seminar:

- Updates on infrastructure investment, trade policy, and other issues of importance to port
- Sustainable expansion and development
- Partnering to create jobs, economic development and prosperity
- Unique challenges facing female board members and CEOs
- Serving as an elected port commissioner
- Current legal and liability issues for Ports and the Governing Board Member
- Innovation in Supply Chain Practices and Environmental Protection
- Effective decision making
- Challenges in Workforce Development
- Addressing Cybersecurity Risks

With Port Commission President Kimberly Brandon's background in finance and as a 20+year veteran of the Port Commission, 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.

## Recommendation:

Attached for your consideration and approval is a resolution authorizing Port Commission President Kimberly Brandon to travel to Montreal, Quebec on June 19-21, 2018. The cost of this trip is covered in the Port Commission's Fiscal Year 2017-2018 budget.

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### PORT COMMISSION CITY & COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

# **RESOLUTION NO.** <u>18-26</u>

- WHEREAS, Each year, the American Association of Port Authorities provides a one-ofa-kind seminar for members of port governing boards and commission; and
- WHEREAS, The American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) is the unified voice of the seaport industry in the Americas, representing more than 130 public port authorities in the U.S., Canada, the Caribbean and Latin America; and
- WHEREAS, For its U.S. members, AAPA provides compelling advocacy and effective public outreach to influence seaports' most urgent public policy issues; and
- WHEREAS, This year's conference will be held in Montreal, Quebec on June 19-21, 2018; and
- WHEREAS, The various topics as noted in the staff report that will be discussed in the seminar are of utmost importance to the Port; and
- WHEREAS, With Port Commission President Kimberly Brandon's background in finance and as a 20+year veteran of the Port Commission, her attendance at the conference is beneficial to gain knowledge and understand the issues facing all ports across the country and the world; and
- WHEREAS, The cost of this trip is covered in the Port's Fiscal Year 2017-2018 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 May 8, 2018.* 

Secretary