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ELIZABETH CAMPBELL IS RUNNING FOR MAYOR OF SEATTLE

Today at 3:00 PM, at the Port of Seattle Smith Cove Park, Elizabeth Campbell will deliver the following remarks to formally announce her candidacy for mayor of Seattle.

TEXT OF ELIZABETH CAMPBELL'S REMARKS AS PREPARED FOR CAMPAIGN ANNOUNCEMENT:

While the Viaduct matter is a foundational issue for my campaign, it is also a symbolic issue of the fact that our City government is entirely out of touch with the majority of people that live in our community, out of touch with our neighborhoods, and out of touch with the people that are trying to hold on to their place in Seattle.

It is for this reason that I am running for mayor – I think it is a pivotal time in Seattle's history and a time that unless someone with a new vision for Seattle comes in, someone that values people over this supposed "progress" that has been going on, someone that is not intent upon wholesale remaking Seattle's neighborhoods, someone that is not unreasonably dismantling Seattle's transportation system, someone that is not rocking the social and demographic foundations of Seattle, then Seattle will not become a bright and shining beacon of urban living at its best, a place where families feel comfortable, where workers can realize their economic goals, where people feel safe from society's predators, but instead Seattle will become an increasingly dissonant place, a place of fear, discomfort, a place where only the very well off can afford to live.

The present administration for the past eight years has taken aim at the core values and social and structural makeup of Seattle, and has very deliberately and methodically been dismantling neighborhoods, displacing whole classes of people, and very cynically been manipulating government such that the people have lost any voice in the decisions that government makes - Seattle does not have a "public process", instead the City of Seattle engages in *public processing*.

I have worked to combat that processing, first as a community, citizen advocate, and by utilizing the legal system, by engaging in direct democracy, and through administrative redress. Through the Magnolia Neighborhood Planning Council I successfully led the lawsuit against the City's plans to encroach on another neighborhood, to put a housing development in Discovery Park. In order to stop the Alaskan Way tunnel project I filed and am pursuing Initiative 99, the No Tunnel Initiative, and I have filed a complaint with the

State Attorney General's Office, with the State Auditor, and with the State Department of Ecology, seeking to have the whole matter of this tunnel project investigated – it was brought about by a corrupt process.

I have a very strong sense of populist values. For me it always is and should be about the people first. It is about what do they want, as they are the ones who have consented to be governed. It is their government first, not the government of special interests, not the government of contracts for a favored few, not the government of theorists who wish to put to the test their latest inspiration about how they think everyone should live in an urban environment.

The city of Seattle is my lifetime home, I have always loved Seattle, and when I combine that love of Seattle with my populist roots I believe I can be the sort of mayor of Seattle that will usher in an era of reform and an era of civic renaissance. I will usher in a time when government workers do the work of government, not consultants. A time when government officials study the matters before them and make their own decisions, not take polls and consult with consultants about what decisions to make.

It is important to me that there be a new era when the people of Seattle can meaningfully participate in their city government, a time when they can trust the City to do what is best for all people, not just for a few.

Directions to Port of Seattle's Smith Cove Park:

NORTHBOUND ON ELLIOTT AVENUE: Start out going NORTHWEST on ELLIOTT AVE, Turn RIGHT at sign/intersection for MAGNOLIA/MAGNOLIA BRIDGE/CRUISE SHIP TERMINALS 90/91, Turn SLIGHT LEFT to take the ramp toward MAGNOLIA BRIDGE Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto W GARFIELD ST, STAY RIGHT, TAKE SLIGHT RIGHT onto ramp going down below MAGNOLIA BRIDGE, Turn LEFT onto 23RD AVE W. (heading South), event parking is on the left side of 23rd Ave W., just across from Smith Cove Park ball field. Kickoff is being held at Port of Seattle's Smith Cove Park – Follow Sign, Blue and Orange Balloons.

SOUTHBOUND ON 15th AVE W.: Start out going SOUTH on 15th AVENUE W (South of Ballard Bridge), Turn RIGHT at sign/intersection for MAGNOLIA/MAGNOLIA BRIDGE/ CRUISE SHIP TERMINALS 90/91, HEAD West towards Magnolia, stay in right lane, STAY RIGHT, TAKE SLIGHT RIGHT onto ramp going down below MAGNOLIA BRIDGE, Turn LEFT onto 23RD AVE W. (heading South), event parking is on the left side of 23rd Ave W., just across from Smith Cove Park ball field. Kickoff is being held at Port of Seattle's Smith Cove Park – Follow Sign, Blue and Orange Balloons.