



**PROCLAMATION
OF THE PORT OF SEATTLE COMMISSION
HONORING MR. LARRY GOSSETT**

WHEREAS, Mr. Larry Gossett, whose 50-year legacy of advocating for the personal and political wellbeing of marginalized communities across Seattle and King County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gossett, who was instrumental, both as a student and an employee, in transforming the University of Washington's campus culture into one that was inclusive of student and faculty of color needs and interests; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gossett was integral in chartering and founding multiple successful Black led organizations and movements in Seattle, was a fierce ally with cross-cultural and multicultural coalitions, and served in leadership capacities for community-based organizations and committees; and

WHEREAS, in order to disrupt any remaining association King County had with its former namesake and to solidify its commitment to equity and social justice, Mr. Gossett led successful efforts to change King County's symbol from that of an imperial crown to the silhouette of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, for the last 25 years, Mr. Gossett has served humbly on the King County Council, striving towards the enactment of policies that would radically transform Seattle's justice and housing system; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Seattle is hosting a celebration to honor the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the impact it has made on our nation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Port of Seattle Commission hereby honors Mr. Larry Gossett for his decade's-long work and the impact it has made on King County.

Proclaimed by the Port of Seattle Commission this 28th Day of January, 2020.

Commission President Peter Steinbrueck