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## YELLOW AIRPORT DRIVERS RAMP UP PRESSURE ON PORT

*331 drivers sign petition demanding that the Port take action*



*Yellow Taxi cab drivers hold press conference on Pier 69 to demand that the Port enforce its own regulations with respect to the Stila Limo Company.*

**W**ith the help of the Teamsters, the newly-formed Western Washington Taxi Cab Operators Association (WWTCOA) is starting taking action to address longstanding problems facing taxi drivers.

At SeaTac Airport, one of the major issues the group is seeking to resolve is the Port of Seattle's refusal to enforce its concession agreement with the STILA Limo company.

The Port's unwillingness to enforce its own regulations has led STILA drivers to engage in unfair practices that are hurting taxis.

STILA, for example, is unfairly soliciting customers at the airport and its drivers are parking in curbside slots that had previously been

reserved for taxis.

As a result, taxis are losing fares and facing another obstacle in their struggle to make ends meet and support their families.

To address this issue, the Teamsters and the WWTCOA circulated a petition to Yellow Airport drivers, demanding that the Port take immediate action to resolve the problem.

On July 16, Yellow taxi drivers and Teamster staff held a press conference at Pier 69 to inform the public of the Port's failure to enforce its own rules. The group also delivered the petition with 331 signatures to Port Executive Tay Yoshitani, demanding action.

Two days later, on July 18, the group distributed leaflets at the airport to inform the traveling public of the Port's enforcement failures at the airport.

So far, the Port has issued a statement in response to the group's demands, but has done little to satisfactorily resolve the issue.

Together with the Teamsters, the WWTCOA is in the process of discussing next steps.

## Your Vote Counts!

### VOTE FOR THE WWTCA LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

**S**tarting Monday, July 30, members of the newly-formed Western Washington Taxi Cab Operators Association (WWTCA) will be able to cast their ballots for the organization's leadership council.

Voting will take place in person at the Teamsters Building in Tukwila (14675 Interurban Ave. S.) 9am-11am and 4pm-7pm from July 30 through August 4.

The leadership council will be setting the agenda to resolve longstanding issues facing Seattle-area taxi drivers.

Your vote is critically important in ensuring that we have a strong group of leaders representing the collective interests of area taxi drivers.

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