

1 **September 20, 2021**

Proposed No.: 21-013

2 RESOLUTION NO. 506

3 A RESOLUTION of the Board of Directors of the Washington State Major
4 League Baseball Stadium Public Facilities District recognizing and honoring Paul
5 Mar for his exemplary service to the District.

6 WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 36.100 RCW, as amended, the Washington State
7 Major League Baseball Stadium Public Facilities District (the “District”), has been
8 created and possesses all the powers of a public facilities district; and

9 WHEREAS, Paul Mar was first appointed to the District Board in October 2014
10 by the Governor on the recommendation of the Speaker of the House, and he was
11 reappointed to the Board in 2017; and

12 WHEREAS, Paul came to the Board with a wealth of public sector and non-profit
13 experience, including service as a charter member (1984) and later president (2009-2010)
14 of the Seattle International Rotary Club, Board service for the Wing Luke Asian
15 Museum, the South Downtown Foundation, and the Greater Edmonds Chamber of
16 Commerce; and

17 WHEREAS, Paul’s position as Director of Real Estate Development for the
18 Seattle Chinatown International District Preservation and Development Authority served
19 him well as he helped the Board prepare to enter into negotiations with The Baseball
20 Club of Seattle, L.L.P. (the “Club”) for a renewed lease; and

21 WHEREAS, Paul served a critical member of the Board team that procured and
22 oversaw the ballpark Long-Term Capital Needs Assessment, and then effectively used
23 those findings during the lease renewal negotiations; and

24 WHEREAS, Paul was an active participant in the lease renewal process, clearly
25 focused on the capital needs of the ballpark and the financial commitments required to
26 support the Board’s goal of a 100-year facility that would remain among the best in
27 baseball; and

28 WHEREAS, Paul was central to fleshing out the details of key elements of the
29 lease, including the revenue-sharing provisions and the ballpark Neighborhood
30 Improvement Fund, which began as just a concept and evolved into a \$4 million fund;
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32 WHEREAS, Paul’s quiet leadership helped the Board in the lease negotiations,
33 guiding the District through personnel and other challenges while keeping the Board
34 focused on the task at hand; and

35 WHEREAS, when the new lease was complete, Paul rolled up his sleeves and
36 helped ensure that the lease was implemented to the letter, concentrating on the Club’s
37 capital expenditure (CapEx) plans and their short- and long-term implementation; and

38 WHEREAS, Paul also provided a steady hand and the voice of history throughout
39 the transition to the new Executive Director in 2020, while everyone was struggling with
40 the isolation caused by the pandemic; and

41 WHEREAS, Paul served as a wise protector of the ballpark and the surrounding
42 neighborhoods, and he understood the needs of Pioneer Square and the Chinatown-
43 International District, always putting the broader public interest ahead of everything else;
44 and


45 WHEREAS, Paul’s participation in and leadership on the Board will be sorely
46 missed, and the Board wishes to recognize and honor his service.

47 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
48 OF THE WASHINGTON STATE MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL STADIUM PUBLIC
49 FACILITIES DISTRICT:

- 50 1. That the District extends its grateful appreciation to Paul Mar for his many
51 years of outstanding service to the District.
52 2. That the District wishes Paul all the best in his retirement from Board service.

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55 PASSED by a vote of 4 to this 0 day of September 2021.

56 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
57 WASHINGTON STATE MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL STADIUM
58 PUBLIC FACILITIES DISTRICT

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61 Stacy Graven, Chair

61 ATTEST:

62 *Liv Bacon*
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64 Clerk