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WHEREAS, respected expert associations and agencies including the American Public Health Association, the United Nations Environment Program, the Chicago Medical Society and the International Joint Commission of the U.S. and Canadian governments, have agreed upon the benefits of reducing certain PBT pollution in the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Ecology is pursuing a plan to reduce and eliminate PBTs in the state, including mercury, dioxin and PCBs; and

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- Ordinance 120121, which created the Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE), which established OSE's role in integrating sustainability and environmental values into all City plans, policies, and programs, and directed OSE to present its work plan to the City Council; and
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20 the reduction of pollution from PBTs.  
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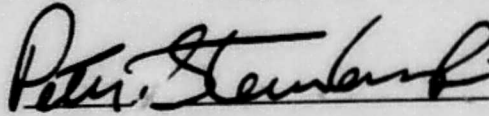
29 b) Developing an implementation plan with reduction targets by October 2002 for  
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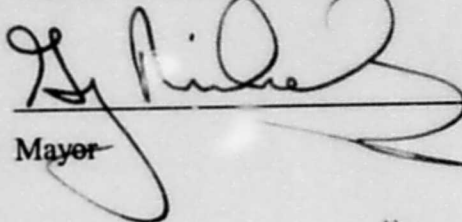
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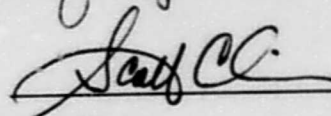
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**Proposed Amendment to Resolution 30487**

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*To be added to the end of Section 2(b), page 3, line 7:*

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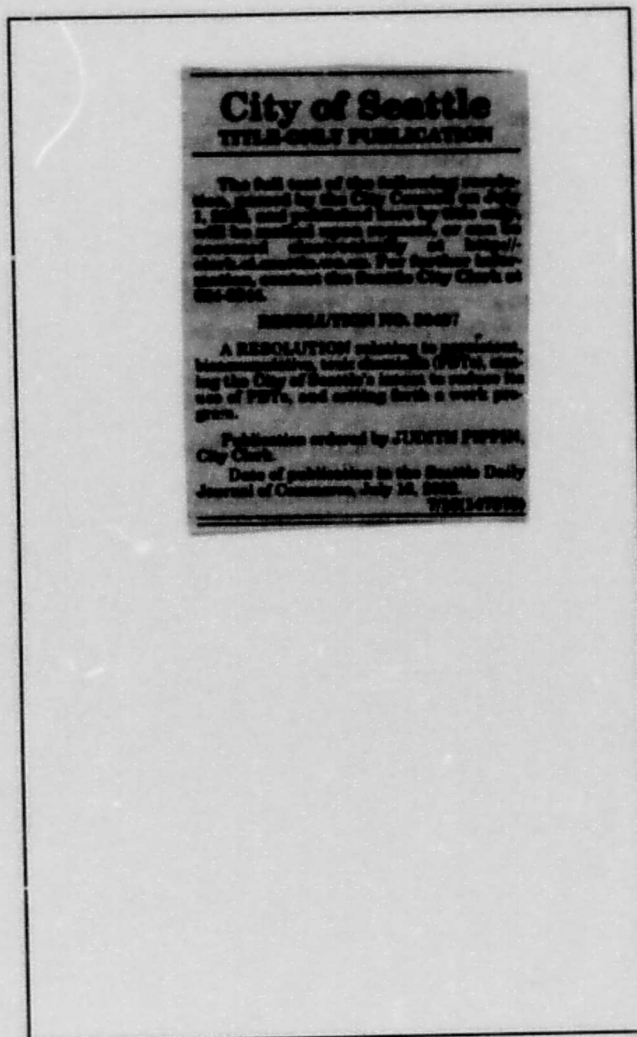
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