

Commission Public Hearing Proposed Commissioner Redistricting Boundaries

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

5:30 PM

Percival Plaza - Olympics Room 626 Columbia Street NW Olympia, WA 98501

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Individual public comments are limited to 3 minutes per person.

AGENDA

- A. Call to Order
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Advisory Calendar
 - 1. Resolution No. 2022-XX Adopting Proposed District Plan Sam Gibboney, Executive Director
 - 2. Public Hearing Proposed Commissioner Redistricting Boundaries
 - a. Open Public Hearing
 - b. Presentation of Resolution
 - c. Accept Public Testimony
 - d. Close Public Hearing
- D. Adjourn



COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Briefing Date/Time:	November 29, 2022
Department:	Executive
<u>Staff Contact/Title:</u>	Sam Gibboney Telephone: 360.528.8001 Email: samg@portolympia.com
<u>Topic:</u>	Redistricting Process
<u>Purpose:</u> Check all that apply	 Information only Decision needed Follow up from previous briefing

BACKGROUND & OVERVIEW:

RCW 53.12.115 authorizes the Port Commission, Port of Olympia (Commission) to resolve that a ballot proposition may be submitted to the qualified voters of the Port District to determine whether there should be an increase in the number of port commissioners from three (3) to five (5).

On July 25, 2022, the Commission approved resolution No. 2022-07 to submit a proposition to increase the number of Port Commissioners from three (3) to five (5), who will serve in five separate newly drawn districts.

Approval of Resolution 2022-07 occurred after approval of a joint resolution between Thurston County and the Port of Olympia was approved on or about December 13, 2021, establishing the mutual intent to collaborate on respective ballot measures from each jurisdiction to increase the number of Commissioners representing each agency from three (3) to five (5), to provide greater clarity to the voters, and share the costs associated with forming newly drawn districts.

On July 25, 2022, the Commission approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Thurston County and the Port of Olympia which formed a redistricting committee consisting of the Chair of the County Commission, the Chair of the Port Commission, and the County Auditor to serve as a non-voting member, to collaborate with respect to formation of newly drawn jurisdictions.

The redistricting committee met several times in meetings open to the public to develop proposed new districts and a timeframe for final approval of the districts, which must occur for the Port no later than December 31, 2022.

The aforementioned proposition appeared on the November 8, 2022, election ballot and was approved by a majority of voters.

Prior to final approval of the new districts, there were several opportunities for the public to

provide comment, including this public hearing that was properly noticed and taking place on November 29, 2022.

The proposed district map would have districts number one through five, and the three incumbent Port Commissioners would represent their current district numbers, one, two, and three respectively; and the two new Port Commissioners would represent districts four and five respectively.

The attached Resolution 2022-XX Adopting a Districting Map Establishing Five Newly Drawn Districts is presented to the Commission for its consideration.

<u>NEXT STEPS/TIMEFRAME:</u> Based on the Commission's recommendation, describe the next steps required in order to bring this item to conclusion. Include the time frame for each step.

The Joint Redistricting Committee will meet on December 8, 2022, at 4 pm at the Thurston County Courthouse in Room 280.

The Commission will consider action regarding the resolution at its regular meeting on December 12, 2022, at 5:30 pm.

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

- Redistricting Map
- Draft Resolution 2022-XX Adopting a District Map Establishing Five Newly Drawn Districts

SUMMARY & FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Staff estimated one-time costs of redistricting at \$381,000. Ongoing annual costs were estimated at \$145,500 and election costs were estimated at \$200,000 per election cycle.

AFFECTED PARTIES:

Citizens of Thurston County

Port of Olympia Commission

Thurston County Board of County Commissioners

Thurston County Auditor

PORT OF OLYMPIA COMMISSION Resolution No. 2022-XX

A RESOLUTION of the Port of Olympia Commission adopting a districting map establishing five newly drawn commissioner districts.

WHEREAS, the laws of the State of Washington, RCW 53.12.115, authorize the Port Commission, Port of Olympia (Commission) to resolve that a ballot proposition may be submitted to the qualified voters of the Port District to determine whether there should be an increase in the number of port commissioners from three (3) to five (5); and

WHEREAS, on July 25, 2022, the Commission approved resolution No. 2022-07 to submit a proposition to increase the number of Port Commissioners from three (3) to five (5), who will serve in five separate newly drawn districts; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned proposition appeared on the November 8, 2022, election ballot and was approved by a majority of voters; and

WHEREAS, approval of resolution No. 2022-07 occurred after approval of a joint resolution between Thurston County and the Port of Olympia was approved on or about December 13, 2021, establishing the mutual intent to collaborate on respective ballot measures from each jurisdiction to increase the number of Commissioners representing each agency from three (3) to five (5), to provide greater clarity to the voters, and share the costs associated with forming newly drawn districts; and

WHEREAS, on or about July 25, 2022, the Commission approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Thurston County and the Port of Olympia which formed a redistricting committee consisting of the Chair of the County Commission, the Chair of the Port Commission, and the County Auditor to serve as a non-voting member, to collaborate with respect to formation of newly drawn jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the redistricting committee met several times in meetings open to the public to develop proposed new districts and a timeframe for final approval of the districts, which must occur for the Port no later than December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, prior to final approval of the new districts, there were several opportunities for the public to provide comment, including a public hearing that was properly noticed and took place on November 29, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Port Board of Commissioners considered the public comment, and has determined that adoption of a district map labelled and dated 11/15/22, which establishes 5 newly-drawn districts, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, is in the best interest of the Port; and

WHEREAS, the district map will have districts number one through five, and the three incumbent Port Commissioners will represent their current district numbers, one, two, and three respectively; and

WHEREAS, the two new Port Commissioners will represent districts four and five respectively;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Port Commission of the Port of Olympia, Thurston County, Washington, as follows:

Section 1. The Port Commission hereby approves and adopts the attached "Plan C", whereby five newly drawn districts are drawn.

Section 2. One Commissioner will be assigned to represent each of the newly drawn districts as indicated herein.

Section 3. This resolution shall be submitted to the Thurston County Auditor on or before December 20, 2022.

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption and signature as provided by law.

ADOPTED by a majority of the members of the Port Commission of the Port of Olympia, a majority being present and voting on this Resolution at a regular Commission meeting on December 12, 2022, as attested to by the signatures below of the Commissioners this 12th day of December.

PORT OF OLYMPIA COMMISSION

By: _____ Bob Iyall, President

By: _____

Amy Evans Harding, Vice President

By: _____ Joe Downing, Secretary

CERTIFICATE

I, Joe Downing, Secretary of the Port Commission (the "Commission") of the Port of Olympia, Washington (the "Port"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

1. That the attached resolution numbered Resolution No. 2022-XX (the "Resolution"), is a true and correct copy of a resolution of the Port, as finally adopted at a meeting of the Commission held on the 12th of December, 2022.

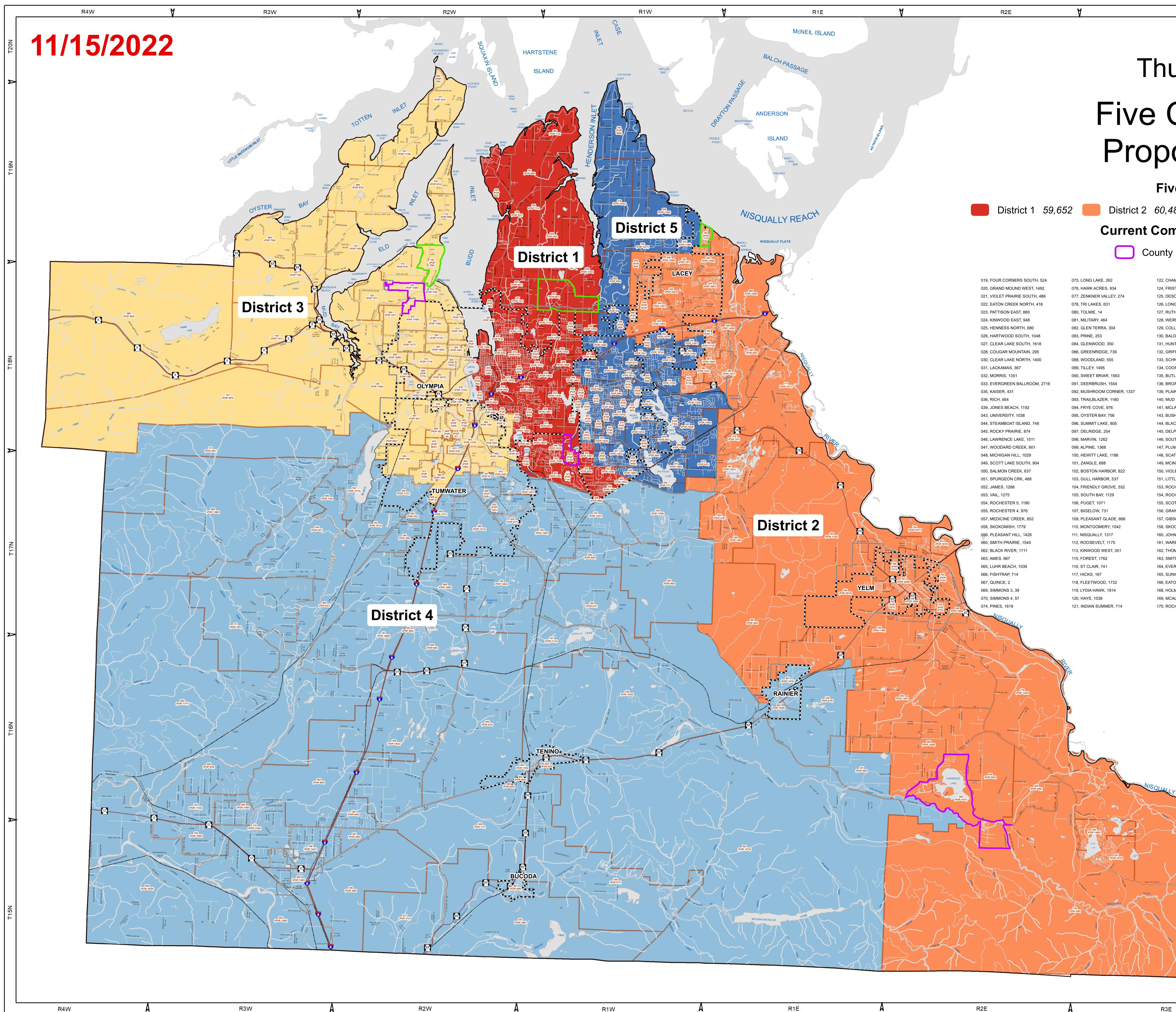
2. That said meeting was duly convened and held in all respects in accordance with law, and to the extent required by law, due and proper notice of such meeting was given; that a quorum of the Commission was present throughout the meeting and a legally sufficient number of members of the Commission voted in the proper manner for the adoption of said Resolution; that all other requirements and proceedings incident to the proper adoption of said Resolution have been duly fulfilled, carried out and otherwise observed, and that I am authorized to execute this certificate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this _____ day of December, 2022.

Joe Downing, Secretary

PORT COMMISSION

[ATTACH MAP]



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