

THREE COMPARED TO FIVE AND SOME BENEFITS:

AS IT IS	PROPOSED	BENEFITS
Only three elected contacts	Five elected contacts will be available	More than half again the opportunity for access
Citizens can meet with only one commissioner at a time	Citizens will be able to meet with two commissioners	Twice the opportunity for dialog with elected representatives. Better public involvement
Commissioners cannot meet with one another because it would constitute a meeting of a voting majority	Up to two commissioners will be able to work together to investigate problems or formulate proposals	More dialog on policy. More policy direction from the commission and less from staff.
Any idea needs only one more vote	Ideas will need two more votes	More thorough discussion of issues
Strong personalities can control a three member commission	Twice as many commissioners will be present to address any motion	Better checks and balances on commission actions
Only one commissioner – a minority - represents your area	Three commissioners – a potential majority - will represent your area	Increased representation for the entire county
Positions are open to district residents every four years	A position will be open for everyone every two years	More opportunity for public service, better chance of shorter term incumbents
Three people make decisions	Five people will make decisions	More discussion, better public process and probably better decisions on complicated issues
The Port maintains a very low public profile	Five commissioners will increase the Port's public exposure	More transparency and better public involvement

BULLET LIST:

- Better representation
- More access
- Better public process
- More policy oversight
- Better direction for staff
- More checks and balances
- Better discussion of issues
- More public involvement