

**RESOLUTION NO. 1311
PORT OF BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON**

A RESOLUTION OF THE PORT COMMISSION OF THE PORT OF BELLINGHAM PROPOSING THAT TWO COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS INCLUDE THE ENTIRE PORT DISTRICT IN THE EVENT THE NUMBER OF PORT COMMISSIONERS IS INCREASED FROM THREE (3) COMMISSIONERS TO FIVE (5) COMMISSIONERS.

WHEREAS, the laws of the State of Washington, RCW 53.12.010, authorized the Port Commission of the Port of Bellingham to resolve that a ballot proposition be submitted to the qualified voters of the Port District to determine whether two of the Commissioner Districts may include the entire Port District if the voters approve the increase in the number of Commissioners to five (5) members.

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

Section 1. Finding. The Port Commission determines that it shall submit a proposition for voter approval or rejection at the district general election to be held on November 6, 2012, that, in the event the number of Commissioners for the Port of Bellingham is approved by the voters to be increased from three (3) Commissioners to five (5) Commissioners, whether the two (2) additional Commissioners shall be elected from district-wide (the entire Port District) Commissioner Districts. The Port Commission further determines that this issue should be decided at the general election to be held on November 6, 2012 because it is anticipated that the general election to be held on November 6, 2012 will have the greatest voter turnout.

Section 2. Authorization For Election. The Whatcom County Auditor, as ex-officio supervisor of elections in Whatcom County, is hereby requested to find and to call and conduct such election within the Port District on such day and to submit to the qualified electors of the Port District for their approval or rejection at the general election to be held on November 6, 2012, a proposition that, in the event the number of Commissioners for the Port of Bellingham is approved by the voters to be increased from three (3) to five (5), whether the two (2) additional Commissioners shall be elected from district-wide Commissioner Districts.

Section 3. Approval of Form of Ballot Proposition. The Secretary of the Port of Bellingham is hereby authorized and directed to certify said proposition to the Auditor of Whatcom County, State of Washington, in the following form to be placed on the ballot for the 2012 general election in that form or substantially similar as to properly place the proposition before the qualified voters:

PROPOSITION NO. 2

PORT OF BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON

NEW PORT COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS

The Commissioners of the Port of Bellingham adopted Resolution No. 1311, concerning the number of Commissioners for the Port of Bellingham District. In the event that the number of Port Commissioners of the Port of Bellingham is increased from three (3) Port Commissioners to five (5) Port Commissioners, this proposition would direct that the districts for the two (2) new Commissioners include the entire Port District. Should this proposition be approved?

Yes..... []
No..... []

Section 4. Qualified Voters. The persons entitled to vote on the above-mentioned proposition shall be those registered voters within the boundaries of the Port District.

Section 5. Required Affirmative Vote For Passage. The aforementioned proposition would pass if a majority of the registered voters at the aforementioned elected voted “yes” on the aforementioned proposition.

ADOPTED by the Port Commission of the Port of Bellingham at a regular meeting thereof held this 19th day of June, 2012.

PORT COMMISSION OF THE PORT OF BELLINGHAM

By: _____ By: _____
Scott Walker Jim Jorgensen
Commission President Commission Vice-President

By: _____ By: _____
Michael McAuley Diane McClain, Secretary
Commission Secretary

CERTIFICATE

I, Secretary of the Port Commission (the "Commission") of the Port of Bellingham, Washington, (the "Port"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

1. That the attached resolution numbered 1311 (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 19th day of June, 2012.

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; what 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 19th day of June, 2012.

Michael McAuley
Secretary, Port Commission

OFFICIAL BALLOT
PORT OF BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON
WHATCOM COUNTY

November 6, 2012

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: To vote in favor of the following proposition, place a cross (x) in the square opposite the word "YES"; to vote against the following proposition, place a cross (x) in the square opposite the word "NO."

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Yes..... []
No..... []

NOTICE
PORT OF BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

November 6, 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 6, 2012, a general election will be held in the above-named Port District for the submission to the qualified electors of said Port of the following proposition:

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Whatcom County Auditor