

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS AND THE PORT OF OLYMPIA COMMISSION**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into by and between the Thurston County and the Port of Olympia (hereinafter the "Parties") for purpose of Implementing Joint Resolution No. 2021-11/16086 between the parties regarding drafting proposed new districts if the proposed ballot measures increasing the respective parties' Commission or Board of Commissioners from three to five.

WHEREAS, Thurston County has reached a population of over 300,000 and less than 400,000 and pursuant to RCW 36.32. has the discretionary authority to bring a ballot measure before the voters to increase the number of commissioners from three to five; and

WHEREAS, the Thurston County Board of Commissioners (BOCC) passed Resolution No. 16181 to place a ballot measure before the voters in the November 8, 2022 General Election for approval to increase the Board of County Commissioners from three to five and create five new county commissioner districts; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Olympia Commissioners (Port Commission) is also expected to pass a Resolution putting a ballot measure before the voters in the November 8, 2022 Election for approval to increase the Port of Olympia Commissioners from three to five and create five new Port commissioner districts; and

WHEREAS, the Port Commission and the BOCC adopted Joint Resolution No. 2021-11/16086, attached and incorporated herein by reference, to collaborate on drawing new boundaries, creating a three-member redistricting committee and sharing costs of these efforts in anticipation of both ballot measures being approved by the voters.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises made herein and the mutual benefits received hereunder, the Parties agree as follows:

The Parties approve and accept this MOU for the purpose of implementing the Parties' agreement set forth in Joint Resolution No. 2021-11/16086 to collaborate on efforts to draw new boundaries, and agree to form a three-member Redistricting Committee with the following members: Chair of the County Commission; President of the Port Commission, and the County Auditor, with the County Auditor serving as a non-voting member providing technical guidance.

A. The Parties and the Redistricting Committee shall achieve the following deadlines in 2022:

- **August 3rd through September 29th** County staff from the Informational Technology Department and Elections Division, and the Redistricting Committee shall develop a proposal to create five districts for the election of commissioners;

- **September 30th** The Redistricting Committee shall submit the final draft redistricting plan of the proposed five districts to the County and the Port;
- **Weeks of October 10th and October 17th** Redistricting Committee shall schedule joint work sessions between the parties to review the final draft of the proposed five districts.
- **November 4th** Final draft agreement of the boundaries are approved by the Parties;
- **November 15th** The Parties shall set a joint Public Hearing to take place on November 29 to take comment on the final approved draft of the five new districts.
- **November 29th** The parties will hold individual Public Hearings on the final draft and adopt final new 5 member districts on December 12 (Port Commission) and December 13 (BoCC);
- **December 12th** Port Commission Approval of the final new 5 member districts;
- **December 13th** BoCC Approval final new 5 member districts;
- **December 20th** Parties submit approved boundaries to County Auditor

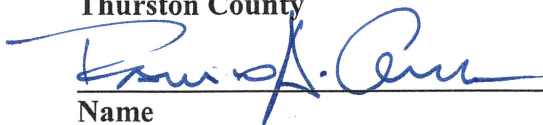
B. The County will take the lead in providing technical support to the redistricting committee via our GEODATA staff.

- The Port agrees to cover 50% of the actual costs up to an amount not to exceed Fifteen Thousand dollars (\$15,000.)
- Approximate cost of this effort is Thirty Thousand dollars (\$30,000.)

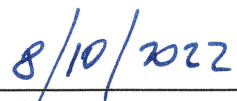
C. If any provision of this Agreement shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this agreement which can be given effect without the invalid provisions. If such remainder conforms to the requirements of applicable law and the fundamental purpose of this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement are declared severable.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this MOU to be executed by the date and signature herein under affixed. The persons signing this MOU on behalf of the Parties represent that each has authority to execute this MOU on behalf of the Party entering into this MOU.

Thurston County



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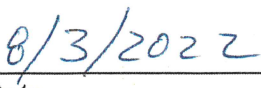


 Date

Port of Olympia Commission



 Charles "Bob" Iyall, President



 Date