

# Port of Olympia

**Port of Olympia** - Port districts are empowered to levy taxes and special local improvement assessments, to promote economic development, to create incidental park and recreation facilities, to adopt and enforce regulations relating to moorage and toll facilities, and to cooperate with counties and cities in applying general police and traffic regulations to port properties and operations. The commissioners set objectives, policies, and overall port direction through comprehensive plans. The port manages 1,650 acres of land including the Olympia Airport, Swantown Marina, New Market facilities site, and a modern marine terminal.

The three-member Port Commission serves as the board of directors for the Port of Olympia, a municipal corporation. Each commissioner represents a district within Thurston County. The term of office is four years, and a two year election cycle assures continuity in the direction of the port's enterprises.

- \* Only voters who live within District No. 3 will vote in the Primary Election for port commissioner.
- \* All voters in the county will vote for the position in the General Election.

## Port Commissioner, District No. 3

**Only voters in District No. 3 will vote on this position in the Primary Election.**



Our port faces big challenges. It must become more accountable to the public. I will insist on greater community involvement and open decision making.

The port must lower the costs it imposes on taxpayers. I will review all port operations to ensure each one brings real economic benefit to the entire county, and will shut down programs that cost more than they earn.

The port must better care for our environment. From cleaning up toxic marine sediments to conserving south county prairie, I will make protecting our natural

environment a priority.

I have the experience to do this. For 33 years, for the Department of Ecology, I worked with farmers and industrialists, small towns and large cities, environmental advocates and port districts, across the state to help us all do business in a way that protects clean air and water. Let's build a better port. I would appreciate your vote.

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I'm excited about the plans for our Port's future. As your Commissioner, I'll work hard to develop new partnerships and continue plans to redevelop existing Port property. I plan to expand waterfront access and recreational opportunities. I will increase marine terminal cargo shipments, attract sustainable businesses to our Port and create family wage jobs. I'm committed to taking an uncompromised approach to clean up contaminated sites and Budd Bay.

This can all be accomplished while reducing, if not eliminating, our Port's dependency on local property taxes. I'll do everything possible to restore public confidence in our Port by pledging openness, strong leadership and fiscal responsibility. My wife and I are raising our two sons in south Thurston County and care deeply about our community. These are challenging economic times and our Port is the key to a vibrant and healthy local economy. Help us get there. Vote for Will Stakelin.

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*It's your Port's future*

It is time to have a vibrant public port that is a model for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Our community vision of sustaining the quality of our standard of living is dependent upon an economy based on innovation and forward thinking. We need green jobs and a green port that fits the needs of a revitalized downtown.

By combining the potential of the marine terminal with mixed use redevelopment, an expanded Market District and public open spaces, we can have a working waterfront

that is a magnet for local investment. In doing this it is my goal to keep a focus on jobs, have a low environmental impact and reduce unnecessary litigation to create an economically independent port system.

Having served eight years as a legislative director focusing on port and environmental issues I am dedicated to lead this port into the future. Please visit: DavisforPort.com

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