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## ***News Release***

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# **Port Commission Welcomes New Members to Citizens Advisory Committee**

The Port of Olympia Commission is happy to welcome three new members to the Port of Olympia Citizens Advisory Committee (POCAC).

Kevin Decker, Chris Richardson and Tom Szymoniak join POCAC members Greg Bucove, Meren Gadman, Travis Matheson, Juqita (Gigi) McClure, Peter Overton, Deb Pattin, Jerry Wilkins, Cameron Wilson, Richard Wolf and Thom Woodruff.

“I am impressed by the number of motivated and qualified members of our community willing to give their time and knowledge to assist the Commissioners with issues and opportunities that chart the future of our Port,” Port Commissioner, Bill McGregor stated.

The Citizens Advisory Committee comprises 9-13 citizen volunteers who meet monthly, or as needed, to address assignments from the Commission. Individual members also may be asked to participate with Port staff on a range of Port programs and projects. The committee has contributed citizen advice and assistance to the Port since the Commission formed it in 1994.

Previous projects completed by the POCAC include; Ferry Study, Fuel Dock Report, Public Participation Report, Port Cargoes Report, Port Renaming, Comprehensive Plan Land Use Plan Update, NewMarket Industrial Campus Development Alternatives Study, Commission Redistricting, Marine Fuel Dock Public Participation, Small Cities Program Report, and Naming Convention and Protocols.

Port Commissioner E.J. Zita, Acting Port Executive Director Rudy Rudolph and the Chair of the committee Richard Wolf interviewed applicants and recommended appointments to the Commission at the December 10, 2018 Commission meeting. Criteria for selection included being a Thurston County resident, community and economic development activities; volunteer, board or committee experience; work experience; experience or knowledge of the Port; and reasons for serving.

More information on the Citizen Advisory Committee, their past and current projects can be found online at [www.portolympia.com/90/](http://www.portolympia.com/90/).

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**About the Port of Olympia**

The southernmost deep-water port on Puget Sound, the Port of Olympia owns and operates an international shipping terminal that handles a range of breakbulk and project cargoes. The Port also owns and operates Swantown Marina & Boatworks, a 733-slip recreational marina and boat haulout/repair facility, a regional airport and a real estate division.

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