

RESOLUTION 2026-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE PORT OF SUNNYSIDE DIRECTING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE AND COMMUNICATE THE PROPOSED REDISTRICTING PLAN TO PORT RESIDENTS AND TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE PROPOSED REDISTRICTING PLAN

WHEREAS, the Port of Sunnyside (“Port”) has three commissioners (“Port Commission”) who are each elected to represent individual director districts;

WHEREAS, at the December 1, 2025 Port meeting, the Port Commission, by unanimous vote, found that the current voting system may impair the ability of members of a protected class to have an equal opportunity to elect candidates of their choice as a result of dilution or abridgement of the rights of voters who are members of a protected class in potential violation of the Washington Voting Rights Act (Chapter 29A.92 RCW);

WHEREAS, at this same December 1, 2025 Port meeting, the Port Commission, by unanimous vote, invoked its authority under the Washington Voting Rights Act to begin the process to voluntarily redistrict to remedy a potential violation of the Washington Voting Rights Act (“Proposed Redistricting Plan”);

WHEREAS, the Port retained Bill Cooper, a demographic and redistricting consultant, to aid the Port in drafting the Proposed Redistricting Plan so that the Proposed Redistricting Plan complies with the statutory criteria as stated in RCW 29A.92.050(3);

WHEREAS, at the August 3, 2026 Port meeting and after reviewing the Proposed Redistricting Plan, the Port Commission, by unanimous vote, determined that the Port shall propose a new districting plan to the public;

WHEREAS, before formal adoption of the Proposed Redistricting Plan, the Port must provide public notice to Port residents as provided for in RCW 29A.92.050(1)(a);

WHEREAS, before formal adoption of the Proposed Redistricting Plan, the Port must also hold a public hearing as required by RCW 29A.92.050(1)(b); and

WHEREAS, the Port seeks to direct the Executive Director to provide the requisite public notice to Port residents and to schedule the public hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Port Commission of the Port of Sunnyside as follows:

Section 1. Port Commission Directive – Public Notice. The Port Commission hereby directs the Executive Director to provide public notice to Port residents of the

Proposed Redistricting Plan. The Proposed Redistricting Plan is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and is incorporated into this Resolution by reference. The public notice must:

- (a) Provide accurate and verbal notice of the Proposed Redistricting Plan in English and Spanish; and
- (b) Air radio or television public announcements describing the Proposed Redistricting Plan that are broadcast in English and Spanish.

In order to carry out this Directive, the Executive Director has the authority to enter into contracts with radio, television, and other marketing, media, advertising, or newspaper companies up to a total of \$10,000 (not including taxes) for all contracts; provided that the contracts have been approved by the Port Commission President.

Section 2. Port Commission Directive – Public Hearing. The Port Commission hereby directs the Executive Director to schedule at least one public hearing to be held before the Port Commission on the Proposed Redistricting Plan that is to be held at least one week before the Port Commission considers formal adoption of the Proposed Redistricting Plan.

Section 3. Amendment. The Port Commission reserves the right to amend the Proposed Redistricting Plan if it determines at any time that an amendment is warranted. If the Proposed Redistricting Plan is amended, the Port Commission will then provide public notice to Port residents of the amendment and provide another public hearing regarding the amendment. The Directives provided in Section 1 and Section 2 of this Resolution are applicable to any amendment to the Proposed Redistricting Plan.

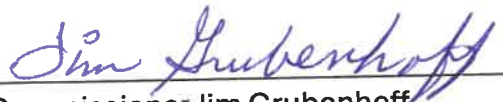
Section 4. Severability. If any section, clause, or provision of this Resolution or its application to any person or circumstance is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the remainder of this Resolution or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect upon passage.

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ADOPTED by the Port Commission of the Port of Sunnyside this 3rd day of August, 2026,
and duly authenticated in open session by the signatures of the Commissioners voting in
favor thereof.

PORT OF SUNNYSIDE COMMISSION


Commissioner Jim Grubenhoff


Commissioner Tyler Schilperoort


Commissioner Arnold Martin

