

**PORT OF LONGVIEW COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 2018-9**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT
OF LONGVIEW EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO INITIATIVE 1631.**

WHEREAS, Washington Initiative 1631 is on the ballot on November 6, 2018, as an Initiative to the People; and

WHEREAS, the full ballot title for Initiative 1631 is:

Initiative Measure No. 1631 concerns pollution

This measure would charge pollution fees on sources of greenhouse gas pollutants and use the revenue to reduce pollution, promote clean energy, and address climate impacts, under oversight of a public board.

Should this measure be enacted into law? And

WHEREAS, RCW 42.17A.555 permits the legislative body of a Port District to express a collective decision, or to actually vote upon a resolution to support or oppose a ballot proposition so long as (a) any required notice of the meeting includes the title and number of the ballot proposition, and (b) members of the legislative body of the Port District, or members of the public are afforded an approximately equal opportunity for the expression of an opposing view; and

WHEREAS, RCW 42.17A.005(5) defines a "ballot proposition" as any "measure" as defined by RCW 29A.04.091, where "measure" includes any proposition or question submitted to the voters, or any initiative, recall, or referendum proposition proposed to be submitted to voters; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners ("Commission") of the Port of Longview ("Port") held its regularly scheduled Port Commission meeting on October 10, 2018, where notice of the meeting included the exact ballot number and title for Initiative 1631, and where all members of the Port Commission, and members of the public were afforded an opportunity to express their support for or opposition to Initiative 1631; and

WHEREAS, at the October 10, 2018 meeting, the Port Commission recognized the importance of initiatives as giving voice and decision-making to the public, but has concerns about Initiative 1631 creating a non-elected 15-person board to oversee implementation without accountability to the voters; the Port Commission recognizes the need to reduce carbon; and the Port supports additional, reasonable measures that are effective but do not negatively impact Port customers and industry as Initiative 1631 would; and

WHEREAS, the Port convened its regularly scheduled meeting on October 24, 2018, which meeting notice included the exact ballot number and title of Initiative 1631, and where members of the public were afforded an equal opportunity to express support for or opposition to Initiative 1631; and

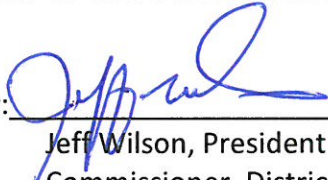
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Port of Longview as follows:

Section 1. The Port Commission of the Port of Longview expresses its opposition to Initiative 1631 for the reasons stated above.


Section 2. Despite this statement of opposition, the Port recognizes that RCW 42.17A.555 still applies, which prohibits elected officials and employees of the Port from using or authorizing the use of any of the facilities of the Port for the purpose of assisting in the campaign against Initiative 1631. Facilities of the Port include, but are not limited to, use of stationery, postage, machines, and equipment, use of employees of the office or agency during working hours, vehicles, office space, publications of the office or agency, and clientele lists of persons served by the Port.

ADOPTED by the Port of Longview Board of Commissioners this 24 day of October, 2018.

PORT OF LONGVIEW COMMISSION

By: 

Jeff Wilson, President
Commissioner, District 1

By: 

Doug Averett, Secretary
Commissioner, District 2

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