



PORT OF FRIDAY HARBOR Commissioner Recruitment Notice

The Port of Friday Harbor Commissioners are seeking a replacement for the vacant position that exists due to the recent resignation of highly respected Commissioner Victoria Compton. The person selected will serve out the remainder of this year and if elected in November of 2023, they will serve the remaining 4 years of the 6-year term. ***The filing deadline for the election to the District 3 position is May 19, 2023.*** To be eligible you must be registered to vote and a resident of District 3. Please refer to the map included on page 3 of this notice. This is an excellent opportunity to truly make a difference in San Juan County and the surrounding areas.

What Does the Port Do?

Go to the Port of Friday Harbor website: www.portfridayharbor.org to learn more about the Port.

What Does a Commissioner Do?

- The Commissioners attend meetings to establish broad policies for the overall direction and long-term objectives of the Port. Ideally, the policies reflect the values, priorities and needs of the community as well as providing the direction the Port needs to be competitive.
- The Commission hires an Executive Director to implement Port policies and objectives, and administer and operate the Port and its staff.
- The Commission determines the type of business activity in which the Port engages, identifies short and long-term business strategies, sets financial policies, adopts positions on legislation, and establishes the extent of use for powers of taxation and eminent domain.

This is a position in the community, not a job. It requires common sense and the ability to function as a leader. You will be an equal third of a decision making body. Commissioners describe their relationship as being similar to a Board of Directors with the CEO of a corporation. As elected officials charged with protecting public interests and resources, commissioners are accountable to the public in highly “transparent” ways that a typical corporate board member is not. Commission meetings are subject to the Open Public Meetings Act (Chapter 42.30 RCW) and typically run under 2 hours. Training on State laws and regulations that govern elected/appointed officials will be made available. As a Commissioner you can coordinate with the other Commissioners to select events to attend and represent the Port.

Do I qualify?

- You must be registered to vote and reside within Port District 3 of the Port of Friday Harbor.
- Familiarity with aviation and marine activities is a plus but not required.
- You are willing to listen, learn, and make decisions which you will stand by.

Would I Be Compensated?

- Commissioner compensation is \$254 per month and \$114 per meeting day (regardless of the number of meetings during the day), with a maximum of 96 days per year. The Commission regularly meets twice a month, but special meetings are sometimes scheduled. Participation in the Port's medical plan is available.
- Washington Public Ports Association (WPPA) conferences fees and travel are paid by the Port.

How Do I Apply?

If you are interested, registered to vote, and reside in Port District 3, please submit a formal letter of interest by May 18, 2023, describing why you are applying and why you are confident you would be a highly-effective, and respected Port Commissioner.

Mail the above information to: toddn@portfridayharbor.org

Or deliver in person to the Port office at 204 Front Street

What is the selection process?

- Letters of interest will be reviewed at the beginning of June. Finalist candidates will be interviewed the following week.
- The two Commissioners will then decide and invite a new Commissioner for District 3.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Port of Friday Harbor - District 3 (See Green Highlighted Area)



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San Juan County Port of Friday Harbor Districts