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## Commissioner Forum to focus on jobs and new business

**VANCOUVER, Wash.** – The Port of Vancouver USA will hold its annual Commissioner Forum to discuss a variety of port-related topics, including new business occurring at the port and the associated job creation, on Tuesday, November 15, at 2 p.m. in the Commission Room at the port's administrative building, located at 3101 NW Lower River Road, Vancouver. The public is welcome.

During the forum, the port's three commissioners, Brian Wolfe, Nancy Baker and Jerry Oliver, as well as executive director Larry Paulson, will hold a public discussion to answer questions posed by local community members. The specific questions and comments that will serve as the basis of the discussion were gathered from the public during a number of events at local community centers and coffee houses, neighborhood meetings, and through a port-sponsored survey.

Job creation and the economy, port development, transportation projects and environmental sustainability are among the issues raised by the public that will be covered at this year's event. Several community leaders also will join in the discussion, including Tony Flagg, VP of Development at United Grain Corporation, Helen Devery, VP of Berger/Abam and Eric LaBrandt, President of the Fruit Valley Neighborhood Association.

Community members can add their voices to the conversation by attending the event on November 15, or by taking a quick survey at [www.portvanusa.com/community/port-talk-coffee-commissioners](http://www.portvanusa.com/community/port-talk-coffee-commissioners). Comments also can be emailed to the port at [info@portvanusa.com](mailto:info@portvanusa.com).

The forum is open to the public with live coverage on Clark/Vancouver Television (CVTV) channels 21 and 23. The program will also be repeated, and a viewing schedule will be available at CVTV's website [www.co.clark.wa.us](http://www.co.clark.wa.us).

### **DETAILS:**

**Port of Vancouver USA Commissioner Forum**

**Tuesday, November 15**

**2 p.m.**

**Port of Vancouver Commission Room**  
3101 NW Lower River Road  
Vancouver  
[www.portvanusa.com](http://www.portvanusa.com)

**About the Port of Vancouver USA**

The Port of Vancouver USA, created by Clark County taxpayers in 1912, is one of the major ports on the Pacific Coast. Its competitive strengths include available land, versatile cargo handling capabilities, vast transportation networks, a dependable labor force and an exceptional level of service to its customers and community. For more information, please visit us at [www.portvanusa.com](http://www.portvanusa.com).

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