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Public Statement from Port of Centralia Commissioner Kyle Markstrom

At yesterday's Port of Centralia meeting, an incident occurred that demands our attention and a clear response.

During the public comment period, a constituent's speaking time was curtailed due to repeated violations of the Port's Guidelines for Public Comment at Meetings. Specifically, the individual engaged in campaigning activity during an election, which is prohibited under our rules, rules that are consistent with those of other public agencies. These guidelines are posted at every Port meeting and are designed to ensure that public comment remains respectful, relevant, and non-political in nature. The constituent was reminded of these rules three times—twice by me and once by Port Counsel.

Following this, the individual returned to their seat and proceeded to assault another member of the public who was filming the meeting on their personal device. It is important to note that filming in public meetings is permitted and allowed under the Open Public Meetings Act, and this constituent has previously exercised that right themselves. Due to the aggressive nature of the confrontation, the individual was immediately removed from the premises by security.

Let me be unequivocal: violence, intimidation, or harassment of any kind will not be tolerated at the Port of Centralia. We are committed to maintaining a safe and respectful environment for all attendees. Public participation is a cornerstone of our democratic process, and we will continue to uphold the standards that protect that right for everyone.

An individual who violates these standards, particularly through acts of aggression or disruption, will be subject to immediate removal and trespass from Port property.

Thank you for your understanding and continued engagement.

Daily Activity Report

SecurUs Asset Protection & Security

Site name: Port of Centralia

Date/Time Range: Wed Oct 15 7:00 AM - Thu Oct 16 6:59 AM PDT

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Activity Reports	Tours Completed	Total Incidents	High Severity Incidents	Medium Severity Incidents

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Oct 15th, 2025				
	2:00 PM PDT	Clock-in Kieran Arne	Kieran Arne clocked in at the Port meeting post	
	4:06 PM PDT	Incident: Assault Kieran Arne	At approximately 1530 hours, a female identified as Jan Banevich (White female, approximately 5'1", mid-50s) was delivering a public comment at the podium during the Port of Centralia commissioners' meeting. The presiding commissioner instructed Ms. Banevich to conclude her remarks after determining her comment was not business-related. Following this, Ms. Banevich became visibly agitated. While returning to her seat, she turned toward another attendee who was recording the meeting on a mobile phone. Ms. Banevich grabbed the phone from the individual's hand and told her to stop recording. The victim attempted to retain possession of her phone, but Ms. Banevich refused to release it until I intervened. After being separated, Ms. Banevich returned to her seat and refused multiple verbal requests to leave the meeting. I advised her that law enforcement would be contacted if she did not comply. At that point, she voluntarily stood and allowed me to escort her from the building. Once outside, Ms. Banevich apologized for her behavior and made several remarks alleging that "the commissioners are evil people" and that they should not be trusted. She then departed the area without further incident. Location: Port of Centralia: Centralia Station Parties involved: • None collected	
	4:21 PM PDT	Clock-out		