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RESOLUTION 2026-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF THE PORT OF CENTRALIA LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON PROHIBITING THE SITING OF DETENTION FACILITIES ON PORT PROPERTY

The Commission of the Port of Centralia, in Public Session, does hereby find and declare:

WHEREAS, the Port of Centralia ("Port") is a municipal corporation organized under the laws of the state of Washington and governed by a Board of Commissioners ("Commission") for the purposes of the acquisition, construction, maintenance, operation, development, and regulation of commercial and industrial purposes as authorized by the Port District Act, Title 53, RCW; and

WHEREAS, the Port owns and operates two (2) industrial parks and one (1) commercial park exclusively to site industrial and commercial land uses; and

WHEREAS, the Port has adopted and regularly updates its Industrial and Commercial Parks Master Plan, otherwise known as the Port Master Plan ("PMP"), to govern the development, management, and use of its industrial and commercial Parks; and

WHEREAS, the Port's Industrial and Commercial Parks Master Plan ("PMP") defines "Industrial Uses" as "[l]and uses that generally serve other businesses rather than the ultimate consumer, including but not limited to manufacturing, processing, storage, distribution, fabrication and warehousing," and "Commercial Uses" as "[l]and uses that directly serve the consumer, including but not limited to, retail merchandising, personal and professional services, offices, and restaurants"; and

WHEREAS, the PMP establishes "objectives" for the Port's industrial and commercial parks, which include attracting and retaining industrial businesses, retailers, small businesses, and restaurants, among other priorities related to industrial and commercial development; and

WHEREAS, the PMP establishes planning "goals and policies" to realize the stated "objectives" for its industrial and commercial parks, such as attracting, retaining, and encouraging a diverse range of industrial and commercial uses, prohibiting residential and other non-compatible land uses, and implementing design and development standards to minimize the likelihood of incompatible land uses; and

WHEREAS, state law prohibits state agencies, including port districts, from using public property to investigate, enforce, cooperate with, or assist in the enforcement of any federal immigration enforcement, pursuant to RCW 43.17.425(1); and

WHEREAS, the siting of an immigration detention center owned, leased, or otherwise operated by the Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") agency of the United States Department of Homeland Security on Port property would be in contravention of Washington State law, pursuant to RCW 43.17.425(1); and

WHEREAS, immigration detention centers are not Industrial Uses or Commercial Uses as defined by the PMP; and

WHEREAS, allowing immigration detention centers within the Port's industrial and commercial parks would conflict with the objectives, planning goals, and policies under the PMP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF CENTRALIA AS FOLLOWS:

1. Immigration detention centers are not authorized to be sited on Port-owned property or in the Port's industrial and commercial parks.

2. The Commission directs staff to prepare an update to the PMP, in accordance with the requirements of RCW 53.20.010 and the Master Plan Review procedures provided in the PMP, which shall expressly prohibit immigration detention centers.

PASSED by the Port of Centralia this 5th day of August, 2026.

COMMISSIONER

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COMMISSIONER (VACANT)

Attested to:

Amy Graber, Executive Director