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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

June 13, 2017

The Honorable Cheryl Selby, Mayor of Olympia
and Members of the Olympia City Council

P.O. Box 1967

Olympia, WA 98507-1967

Dear Mayor Selby and Members of the City Council:

The Thurston County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC), acting in their legislative authority, is hereby providing notice to the City of Olympia per RCW 67.38 of the proposed creation of a cultural arts, stadium, and convention district, inclusive of all Thurston County areas. The main objective of this new district, if approved by the voters, will be to implement a regional convention center.

On June 6th, 2017, the BoCC passed Resolution No. 15476 (attached) setting a public hearing that will take place on July 25th, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in Building 1, Room 280 of the County Courthouse Campus to receive public comment on the creation of this district.

Under RCW 67.38.030, the City of Olympia will participate in the creation of the cultural arts, stadium, and convention center district, and hold a seat on its governing board; or may opt out by submitting a copy of an adopted resolution requesting its deletion from the proposed district. Accordingly, if Olympia chooses to opt out, this request must be submitted to the BoCC before July 25th, 2017. If no response is received, the City of Olympia will automatically be included in the district.

Per RCW 67.38.050, members of the governing body may only consist of a combination of council members, mayors or county elected officials located within the proposed cultural arts, stadium, and convention district. No governing body may consist of more than nine voting members.

The following is a general timeline for the process:

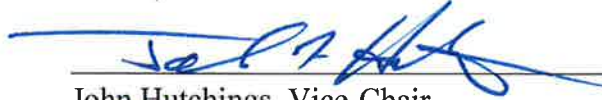
- BoCC resolution setting the public hearing– June 6, 2017
- Public hearing – July 25, 2017
- BoCC resolution approving a ballot measure - August 1, 2017
- Submission of ballot measure to the Thurston County Auditor – August 4, 2017
- Ballot measure up for vote – General Election November 8, 2017

Thank you in advance for your support of this very important regional economic development effort.

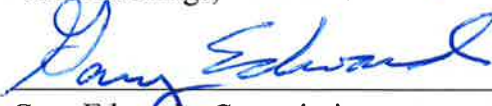
Sincerely,



Bud Blake, Chair



John Hutchings, Vice-Chair



Gary Edwards, Commissioner

Resolution No. 15476

A RESOLUTION of the Thurston County Board of County Commissioners calling for a public hearing on the proposed creation of a cultural arts, stadium, and convention district pursuant to chapter 67.38 RCW.

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Thurston County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) to promote and facilitate the orderly development and economic stability of the communities within Thurston County; and

WHEREAS, local governments need the ability to raise revenue to finance public improvements that are designed to encourage economic growth and development in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the lack of public improvements, such as convention centers, hinders the economic vitality of Thurston County, and the surrounding region; and

WHEREAS, the development of public improvements to support cultural arts, stadium and convention services will encourage investment in job-producing private development and expand the public tax base in Thurston County; and

WHEREAS, chapter 67.38 RCW provides the authority to create a cultural arts, stadium and convention district and the means to finance the construction of necessary public improvements to support cultural arts, stadium and convention services in accordance with a local economic comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, a cultural arts, stadium and convention district may be initiated by the BOCC through adoption of a resolution calling for a public hearing on the proposed creation of such a district and delineating proposed boundaries; and

WHEREAS, within sixty days of the adoption of such resolution calling for a public hearing the BOCC shall hold a public hearing on the proposed creation of such district; and

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of the public hearing and within two years of the public hearing, the BOCC may adopt a second resolution to submit a proposition to the voters of the proposed district to create a cultural arts, stadium and convention district; and

WHEREAS, the district shall be created upon approval of the proposition by simple majority vote; and

WHEREAS, the BOCC finds that the creation of a cultural arts, stadium and convention district is in the public interest and that the area included with the district can reasonably be expected to benefit from its creation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Thurston County Board of Commissioners calls for a public hearing on July 25, 2017 on the proposed creation of a cultural arts, stadium and convention district, whose boundaries will be coextensive with the boundaries of Thurston County, for the development of public improvements to support cultural arts, stadium or convention services.

ADOPTED: June 16, 2017

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Thurston County, Washington

ATTEST:

LaBonita J. Boymer
Clerk of the Board

Bud Blake
BUD BLAKE, Chair

Approved as to form:

John Hutchings
JOHN HUTCHINGS, Vice-Chair

JON TUNHEIM
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

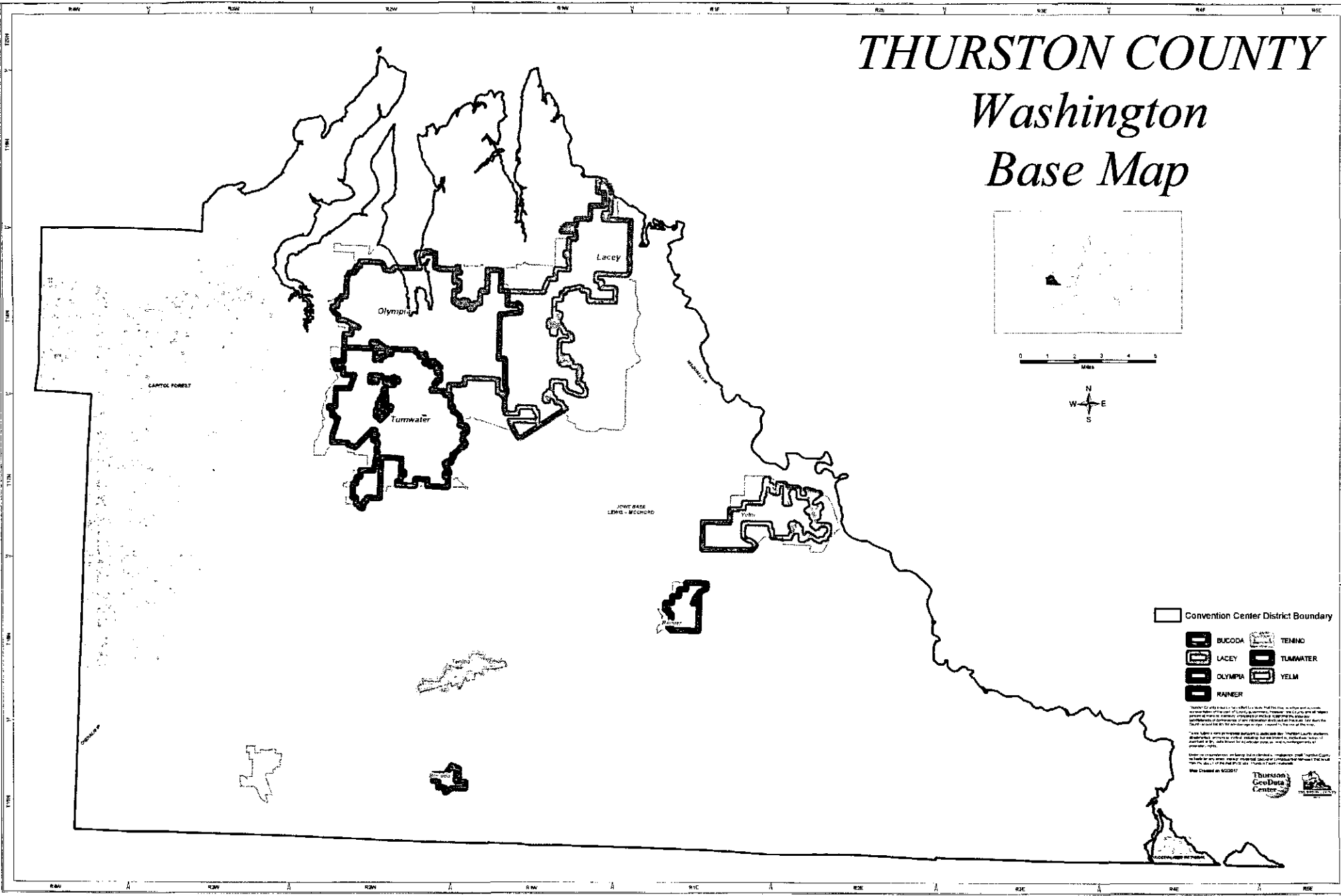
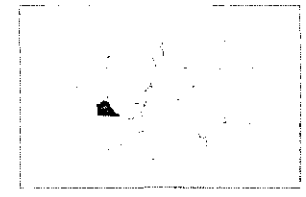
Gary Edwards
GARY EDWARDS, Commissioner

By: Elizabeth Petrich

THURSTON COUNTY

Washington

Base Map



- Convention Center District Boundary
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| BUCODA | TENINO |
| LACEY | TUMWATER |
| OLYMPIA | YELM |
| RAINIER | |

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