



REPRESENTATION PETITION

Is this an amended petition? ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, provide the case number: _____

PARTIES Include information for all parties involved.

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PETITIONER PROTEC17
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CURRENT BARGAINING REPRESENTATIVE

(If One Exists) PROTEC17
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TYPE OF REQUEST Select ONE of the following.

- ☐ **NEW ORGANIZING** to be certified as the representative of employees currently unrepresented.
- ☒ **ADD UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEES** to an existing bargaining unit as described in WAC 391-25-080.
- ☐ **CHANGE REPRESENTATIVE** of existing bargaining unit.
- ☐ **REMOVE REPRESENTATIVE** of existing bargaining unit.

BARGAINING UNIT

For a new organizing petition, fill out section 2. For a petition to add unrepresented employees, fill out **both** sections 1 and 2. For a petition to change or remove the representative, fill out section 1.

SECTION 1—Describe the Existing Bargaining Unit:

All full-time, regular part-time, and term-limited Fare Ambassador-Supervisors working for Sound Transit, excluding non-supervisory employees, confidential employees, and all other employees.

Number of Employees in Existing Unit 10

SECTION 2—Describe the Proposed Bargaining Unit:

All full-time, regular part-time, and term-limited Fare Ambassador-Supervisors and Public Information-Supervisors working for Sound Transit, excluding non-supervisory employees, confidential employees, and all other employees.

Number of Employees in Proposed Unit 11

If a CBA exists, what is the expiration date? N/A

SHOWING OF INTEREST

A showing of interest indicating the support of at least 30 percent of the employees in the bargaining unit must be filed with the petition. **See instructions for more information.**

PETITIONER REPRESENTATIVE

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Date 5-21-26

Instructions for Filing a Representation Petition

Do not file this page with PERC.

Who Can File a Petition?

The petitioner is the party who files the petition and may be an individual employee or a union. For more detailed information please refer to our website at perc.wa.gov/elections. For applicable rules, visit perc.wa.gov/laws-rules and refer to chapters 10-08, 391-08, and 391-25 WAC.

Filing Time Frame

A petition may be filed at any time if you (1) intend to organize a new bargaining unit or (2) your contract has expired and a new contract has not yet been signed.

A petition to change or remove the representative can only be filed during a 30-day window period, which is determined by the expiration date of the current contract:

- For employees covered by chapter 41.80 RCW, the window period begins 120 days and ends 90 days before the contract expires.
- For employees covered by all other statutes, the window period begins 90 days and ends 60 days before the contract expires.
- If PERC has issued a certification, no petition involving the same employees may be filed for 12 months from the date of the certification.

Showing of Interest

A showing of interest is individual papers/cards from at least 30 percent of the employees in the bargaining unit. Each card must be signed and dated and clearly state the desired outcome. Example language for the card is as follows:

I want to be represented by [name of union] for the purpose of collective bargaining. OR

I no longer want to be represented by [name of union] for the purpose of collective bargaining.

A sheet of paper with multiple signatures will not be accepted. The showing of interest cards are confidential and should be filed ONLY with PERC. Showing of interest cards may be submitted electronically, provided the copy is legible. Do not provide copies of the cards to other parties.

Filing and Service

Documents may be submitted to PERC by email attachment, by fax, by mail, or in person. Email filing is preferred and no paper copies are required.

- Email to filing@perc.wa.gov
- Fax to 360.570.7334
- Mail to PO Box 40919, Olympia WA 98504-0919
- Hand Deliver to 112 Henry St NE, Olympia, WA 98506

Service is required on all parties to the case and is considered complete when the document is received by email, fax, or hand delivery or when the document is put into the mail. A certificate of service is required to show when, how, and on whom the document was served. A certificate of service form can be found at perc.wa.gov/file-a-case.

Existing Bargaining Unit: All full-time, regular part-time, and term-limited Fare Ambassador-Supervisors working for Sound Transit, excluding non-supervisory employees, confidential employees, and all other employees.

Proposed Bargaining Unit: All full-time, regular part-time, and term-limited Fare Ambassador-Supervisors and **Public Information- Supervisors** working for Sound Transit, excluding non-supervisory employees, confidential employees, and all other employees.

Attestation to the Authenticity of the Showing of Interest
Sound Transit

I, Jessica Olivas, Organizing Director at PROTEC17, attest that the showing of interest cards submitted with this petition are authentic and were signed by the employees whose name appears on the signed cards.

Date

5/21/26

Signature

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'J. Olivas', written in dark ink.

From: [Jessica Olivas](#)
To: [PERC, Filing \(PERC\)](#)
Subject: Re: Error Message- E-Filing System
Date: Thursday, May 21, 2026 2:16:41 PM
Attachments: Representation-Petition-E-1.pdf

External Email

Hi Terri,

That would be great, thank you for filing this for us. Please find the attached form!

Thank you,

On Thu, May 21, 2026 at 1:19 PM PERC, Filing (PERC) <filing@perc.wa.gov> wrote:

Hi Jessica,

Sorry about the E-filing issues you are experiencing. I forwarded your email to our IT team. In the meantime, yes – I can file the case for you. Would you mind filing out the attached form? I think I have everything else that's needed.

Thanks,

Terri

From: Jessica Olivas <jessica@pte17.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2026 12:59 PM
To: PERC, Filing (PERC) <filing@perc.wa.gov>
Cc: Liam Whipple <liam@protec17.org>; Abdallah El Hamawi <abdallah@protec17.org>
Subject: Error Message- E-Filing System

External Email

Hi afternoon,

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I'm sending along documents related to this Petition, as I would like to try and avoid having to start over again. Attached are the bargaining unit descriptions, the showing of interest card (this petition is for one person), the attestation of authenticity, and contact information for everyone who should be included in our communications for this filing.

Also attaching the link to the Decision associated with the bargaining unit that we are attempting to accrete this single position into: Sound Transit, Decision 14177 (PECB, 2025)

<https://decisions.perc.wa.gov/waperc/decisions/en/item/521776/index.do?q=%22sound+transit%22+%22protec17%22+%22fare%22>

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Date: Thursday, May 21, 2026 1:00:11 PM
Attachments: Attestation.pdf
Public Information- Supes .pdf
PIC Supervisors.pdf

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