

## Pike Place Market Constituency 2024 Candidate Questionnaire

Please indicate the position for which you are running:

*Note: ALL positions require a familiarization with or willingness to learn Robert's Rules of Order, the PDA Charter, and the Constituency Bylaws.*

Chair \* \*\*

*Duties:* The Chair chairs all meetings of the Constituency.

*Time commitment:* The term length is two (2) years. Must attend a minimum of eight (8) General Assembly or Special Meeting(s) per year and eight (8) Executive Committee Meetings per year. May serve on a subcommittee. Meet the PDA Executive Director once a month.

Vice-Chair \* \*\*

*Duties:* The Vice-Chair chairs meetings of the Constituency in the absence of or at the request of the Chair and serves as Election Officer in odd-numbered years.

*Time commitment:* The term length is two (2) years. Must attend a minimum of eight (8) General Assembly or Special Meeting(s) per year and eight (8) Executive Committee Meetings per year. May serve on a subcommittee.

Officer-at-Large

*Duties:* Officers-at-Large represent the overall voice of the Constituency, are familiar with the Market, and stay informed of PDA Council and Committee meetings by either attending the meetings or reading the minutes.

*Time commitment:* The term length is two (2) years. Must attend a minimum of eight (8) General Assembly or Special Meeting(s) per year and eight (8) Executive Committee Meetings per year. May serve on a subcommittee.

PDA Council Representative\*\*

*Duties:* PDA Council Representatives represent the needs of Market Constituents as members of the PDA Council and its Committees.

*Time commitment:* The term length is four (4) years. Must attend a minimum of six (6) General Assembly or Special Meeting(s) per year and six (6) Executive Committee Meetings per year. May serve on a subcommittee.

\*No employee, officer, or Council member of the PDA, or member of the Pike Place Market Historical Commission, shall be eligible to serve as Chair or Vice Chair.

\*\*Chair, Vice Chair and PDA Council Representative candidates are required to have been a member of the Constituency for the entire preceding year to be eligible to stand for election to the position.

## Candidate Questionnaire

*The following questionnaire is intended to help voters learn a little about our candidates: their interest in holding office, background, skills, experience, and any vision for the future of the Market. The Constituency values diversity of opinion.*

*All timely responses will be circulated directly to Constituency members and may also appear on our website and via other news media that is available to the public.*

### **1. What is your connection to the Market? Why are you a member of the Constituency?**

I was first introduced to the market as a child when my family came for a visit from Hawaii on our way up to Vancouver. It was an amazing experience and when I landed back in Washington State with my husband (he's a native) and started my small bakery in the basement of our home I told him, "one day I'm going to sell at Pike Place!" and a year after starting, my dream came true when I was invited to join the Summer Express Markets and the Wednesday cobblestone markets (pre-COVID).

I joined the Constituency because I feel that Pike Place PDA has lost it's way in the past few years and I would like to help it get back to where it was when it gave me the opportunities it did in 2016, a place that supports it's farmers, crafters and commercial tenants.

### **2. Have you attended Constituency meetings and if so, how many in the past year?**

I have not, but am looking forward to the opportunity to.

### **3. In your view, what are the biggest issues facing the Market now and in the near future? Do you champion any special issue?**

I think the biggest issue that faces the Market right now is the loss of direction in the mission and vision of the Market. It seems that over the past seven years – and has come into sharp focus in the last 18 months – the executive team at the PDA has lost their way and understanding of what the Market represents and that they should be working for that mission and vision every day. I believe this is something that needs to be addressed as the PDA prepares for a new executive director (probably 6-8 months out) to make sure that we do not continue down the same path we are on.

**CANDIDATE NAME: MARLEY RALL**

The issue that is most near and dear to my heart, and that I would like to focus my energy on, is realigning the priorities of the Market back to the farmers. I believe we have strayed from this and they need to be engaged to find out how to bring them back to the Market so that Pike can be what it was always meant to be.

I think we can all agree that there is a large lack of respect towards the farmers, crafters and commercial tenants from the PDA and I think if we start with building the farmers back, that will bring more people to the Market to help support the crafters and the commercial tenants. I think if we can work on building trust and respect amongst these three groups, we will be unstoppable in holding the PDA to account and make sure they are doing what the charter requires.

**4. What can we do to increase public participation in Market advocacy, especially by those who live and work in the Market?**

I've always felt that people only have so much time in the day, especially those hustling at the Market in their family businesses, so you need to meet people where they're at and show them that you are serious and aren't asking anything of them that you aren't also willing to do (time commitments, putting your name on something, etc). I think if the Constituency Board can take time each month to go and meet with farmers, crafters and commercial tenants at their stalls/locations to check in and get some feedback from them, there can be trust built and hopefully they will eventually see that we can work together to have a stronger/louder voice.

Board meetings are important and a great place to congregate and make decisions, but not everyone can make it to them and may have something really important to contribute, so having an avenue where they can be heard as they're going about their day I think would help them to feel a connection and want to be willing to give some of their time and energy to our Market advocacy.

*The following two questions are only for those running for PDA Council representative. Others need not respond.*

**5. How many PDA Council meetings have you attended in the last 12 months?**

**CANDIDATE NAME: MARLEY RALL**

**6. Representing the Constituency on the PDA Council means more than voting. What skills and strategies will you bring to Council meetings to be a persuasive voice on the Council?**

*Please return your completed questionnaire by July 8 at the latest. If you are sending it by email, send to [marketconstituency@gmail.com](mailto:marketconstituency@gmail.com). If you are delivering a printed copy, please slide it under the Constituency door (#328 in the Fairley Building) or mail it to 1501 Pike Place #328, Seattle, WA 98101.*