

CANDIDATE NAME: **BOB BRAUN (FOR Chairman)**

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 have had a solid connection to the Market for decades supporting the various activities of the 5 families within the market.

I most recently have had the privilege to serve as the Vice-Chair and acting Chair with my term which is now expiring.

With many Constituency members asking to serve as chair one more term I am very grateful for the opportunity to serve the Market and the City with this volunteer service.

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

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

- 1. Stability do not change what was the only well run buisness in the City during the Great Recession and during COVID. There is no need for meddling with what has been a success. We do not need "New Coke" (if anyone remembers New Coke)**
- 2. Engagement by the Market members and the Public through membership in the Constituency.**
- 3. Education or awareness by the Mayor (and DON/SDOT etc.) with the City Council so they both come to rely upon the expertise of the PPM-PDA and the PPMC as well as respect for the PPM-HC along with PPM-Foundation and Friends (FOM) when they are considering issues impacting the PPM and its stakeholders.**

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

Continue and expand the internal plans set in motion such as the Listening Committee, data assessment and active expansion of membership.

A thank you to our immediate past chair for his many good thoughts.

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?

NA

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?

NA

Please return your completed questionnaire by July 8 at the latest. If you are sending it by email, send to 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.