

Candidate: Emily Pike for Officer-at-Large

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?

My first Market job was at Piroshky Piroshky, where I was hired in 2013. In the 11 years since, I've had the pleasure of working in almost every corner of the Market at more than half a dozen businesses. I currently work at Lamplight Books, MarketSpice, Lion Heart Books, and occasionally the Market Creamery. It's a bit of a juggling act, but it brings me so much joy to have relationships across the neighborhood.

I became a member of the Constituency last summer when I learned of the PDA's efforts to develop a 50-year plan. I feel strongly that the people who live and work in the Market should play a role in shaping its future, and I've made it a priority to stay actively involved in governance and to encourage other workers and residents to get involved. I've learned a lot in my first year as a Market constituent, and I'm eager to help us continue to expand and engage!

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

I believe I've attended 11 of the 12 general assembly meetings in the past year, as well as many executive committee meetings. I've also been a consistent attendee at planning meetings for the Constituency's Listening Committee.

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

Since joining the Constituency, I have been loudly ringing the outreach bell. I'm passionate about recruiting new members because I know that the people who are in the Market every day are experts in how this ecosystem functions—what's functioning well and what isn't. There are many issues that need to be addressed, and I believe our top priority should be increasing participation so that we have the most and best information about how to confront those challenges.

I also advocate for efforts to attract more locals to spend time here—both to support our businesses and to reinvigorate a citywide sense of pride in the Market. This is particularly crucial now because the PDA soon intends to lobby for a capital levy to fund critical infrastructure projects, including much-needed accessibility improvements. Seattleites need to feel enough of a stake in the Market to commit their tax dollars to its preservation. I believe the Constituency is uniquely situated to strengthen those essential relationships and help ensure that that ballot measure is successful.

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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?

My personal outreach efforts, as well as my experience interviewing crafters for the Listening Committee, have demonstrated to me the value of simply starting a conversation. Lots of people are eager to be involved, but they often need an invitation and some orientation. There are many opportunities for us to welcome and encourage newcomers:

- Extending the Listening Committee will allow us to reach more community members and demonstrate not only that we are eager to hear their opinions, but that they can play a role in governance themselves.
- Completing the Constituency brochure will be an expedient shortcut to educating folks about how Market governance is structured and where to plug in.
- Establishing an online registration option will allow people to join more easily.

Finally, I believe the Constituency should proactively pursue projects to support the wellbeing of our neighbors and demonstrate that we are pushing for positive changes. Small, targeted gestures can go a long way toward fostering goodwill. I have a handful of ideas for projects along these lines that I'm prepared to propose, and I would be delighted to spearhead some of them if elected!