



City of Seattle

June 21, 2019

Monica Martinez Simmons
Seattle City Clerk
600 4th Avenue, 3rd Floor
Seattle, WA 98124

Dear Ms. Martinez Simmons,

I have returned Council Bill 119504 unsigned. This morning, King County Superior Court Judge Patrick Oishi ruled that the City Council's bill that temporarily expanded the boundaries of the Pike Place Market Historical District to include the Showbox Theatre was an "illegal spot zone" that violated due process. In light of Judge Oishi's ruling, I understand that Council Bill 119504 is of questionable validity. The City Attorney's Office and outside counsel will evaluate the impacts of the ruling on this ordinance to understand our future legal options.

Sincerely,


Jenny A. Durkan
Mayor of Seattle