

# Pike Place Market Historical Commission Challenges

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## Challenge: Member Organization Appointment

Of the twelve positions on the Pike Place Market Historical Commission (the Commission), six are appointed from the following member organizations: Friends of the Market, Seattle Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), and Allied Arts.

The Department of Neighborhoods (DoN) recruits members in accordance with the City's Race & Social Justice Initiative.

When seeking Commission member nominations from the aforementioned organizations, the pool of candidates DoN is able to recruit has been limited.

DoN reports that over the past few years Allied Arts has been unable to fulfill their requirement to submit four nominees for each of their two positions.

The AIA has acknowledged the relative lack of diversity of their nominees. It is suspected that their high annual membership dues may exclude architects who would otherwise be qualified.

## Response to Member Organization Challenges

- Replace one Allied Arts Position with a new At-Large position;
- Release the AIA from being a formal nominating member organization;
- Retain two positions for practicing Architects, regardless of their AIA affiliation;
- Expand member group representation by adding a position for the Pike Place Market Constituency.

## Challenge: Property Owner Appointment

Members of the Pike Place Market Development Authority (PDA) are barred from membership on the Commission. As the PDA continues its mission to acquire more Market property, the pool of non-PDA property owner Commission members shrinks.

## Response to Property Owner Challenge

- Remove one of the two Property Owner positions.

## Challenge: Market Merchant Appointment

The Market Merchant position has in the past been described as Business Owner, which can exclude business owners who sell merchandise in the Market.

## Response to Market Merchant Challenge

- Add definition of the Market Merchant position: *"persons who sell merchandise or services from shops, stalls or concessions including, but not limited to, high stalls, fish mongers, craft and produce sellers, located within the Pike Place Market Historical District."*

## Challenge: Market Resident Appointment

The Market Resident position has in the past allowed for members who own a residence in the Market that is not their primary residence.

## Response to Market Resident Challenge

- Add definition of the Market Resident position: *"a person who occupies a primary residence they own, rent, or lease within the Pike Place Market Historical District."*