INTRODUCTION

In 2010 Pioneer Square received pointed and poignant recommendations: stop whining and infighting; develop market rate housing; hire a CEO; systematically identify short, intermediate, and long term priorities; assign responsibilities; and get to work. The neighborhood listened.

Seattle’s historic neighborhood has experienced unprecedented change in the ensuing five years. Through the investment and hard work of so many, Pioneer Square is finding its way to a preferred future. New housing. New businesses. New energy. A resurgence of restaurants and retail. New pride in our public realm, making it walkable and accessible to all. While respecting and protecting our history and historic fabric, we are writing a new story for an old neighborhood.

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SUMMARY OF NEIGHBORHOOD GOALS

COMMUNITY GOALS

1. ECONOMIC GROWTH
   Actively Engage Businesses and Property Owners in Supporting Economic Growth

2. ADVOCACY
   Build the Neighborhood’s Organizational Development and Advocacy Capacity

3. HISTORIC ASSETS
   Focus on the District’s Historic Building Assets and Enhance the Built Environment

4. MARKETING
   Effectively Market, Brand, and Promote Pioneer Square

CITY GOALS

1. PUBLIC SAFETY
   Ensure an Environment of Public Safety and Civility

2. HISTORIC CHARACTER
   Support Pioneer Square’s Historic Buildings and a Positive Development Environment

3. ECONOMIC GROWTH
   Provide Economic Development Support and Investment through Utility and Transportation Infrastructure

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Communify Goals + Actions

1. Actively Engage Businesses and Property Owners in Supporting Economic Growth
   A. Support Existing and Emerging Economic Clusters; Engage Property Owners, Brokers, and Other Stakeholders Around the Pioneer Square Economy and Needs for Retention and Expansion

2. Build the Neighborhood’s Organizational Development and Advocacy Capacity
   A. Support Safety and Public Civility Improvement Efforts
   B. Participate in and Advocate for Transportation, Utilities, and Other Infrastructure Improvements
   C. Continuously Develop Neighborhood Capacity for Leadership and Engagement

3. Focus on the District’s Historic Building Assets and Enhance the Built Environment
   A. Increase Residential Development and Density in Pioneer Square
   B. Advocate for the Design, Improvement, Maintenance, and Activation of Public Space
   C. Address Vacant, Dilapidated, and Underused Buildings
   D. Facilitate a User-Friendly Preservation Board Process and Experience
   E. Support Neighborhood Initiatives to Improve Pioneer Square Alleys as Public Spaces

4. Effectively Market, Brand, and Promote Pioneer Square
   A. Develop a Comprehensive PR, Marketing, and Branding Strategy for Pioneer Square
   B. Create and Implement a Communications Plan
1 Ensure an Environment of Public Safety and Civility
   A. Implement Strategies to Improve Public Safety Experience and Perceptions

2 Support Pioneer Square’s Historic Buildings and a Positive Development Environment
   A. Facilitate Development and Adaptive Reuse Incentives
   B. Address Vacant and Blighted Buildings

3 Provide Economic Development Support and Investment through Utility and Transportation Infrastructure
   A. Support Transportation and Infrastructure Improvements and Mitigation
   B. Ensure Effective Utility and Technology Systems
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