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**Subject:** PBIA Board Member Nomination Form

Hi Danielle,

Here is my nomination form for the Parking & Business Improvement Area Board

Jeremy Williamson

I work with Olympia Coffee Roasting Company

Olympia Coffee Roasting Company has been in downtown Olympia since 2005.

I would like to be a board member of the PBIA because I feel this is a pivotal time in the history of downtown Olympia. Olympia has an outstanding history of being a center for arts and culture that far exceeds its size. The history of alternative music voices finding a presence and hold in Olympia has a long and well-respected history. There are many talented and visionary people who have found an artistic and spiritual home in Olympia. It only takes a short walk downtown to see the spirit of creativity in our city. Alongside the creative history, Olympia has a working class history that can be seen in our warehouses and port. Our urban waterfront is a vital and beautiful reminder of why we are lucky to live in such a beautiful place. We are also the Capitol of Washington State, one of the most progressive and inclusive states in the country, but we are not immune to the cost of living crises of other west coast cities. As the city grows, we must move forward in a way that honors our history and identity, while allowing for new creative outlets to flourish. This is not possible with the erasure of our arts and working class communities who feel squeezed by higher rents. Olympia can be a model for smart growth, a city that embraces its inclusive and creative side, while creating opportunities for businesses and other organizations to thrive. In doing so, we must create an environment where people of all walks of life feel welcome in Downtown Olympia.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Williamson