

Position & Reform Test

SYNTHESIZE · SKILL 7

You've done the research. Now turn it into a position you can **defend** — not one you started with. The goal isn't to be certain; it's to be earned. Work through these in order.

1 WHAT DID YOU FIND?

Pull the strongest evidence from your interviews, survey, price sheet, and map. Where did your sources agree? Where did they conflict?

2 STEELMAN THE SIDE YOU REJECT

Write the strongest case for the position you DON'T hold — so well that someone who believes it would nod. If you can't, you're not ready to argue your own.

3 YOUR POSITION

What should be done about food affordability in Hunts Point? State it clearly, and show how your evidence supports it.

4 NAME THE COST

Every real choice gives something up. What does yours cost — and why is it worth it anyway?

THE REFORM TEST

What's the SMALLEST change that would make food in Hunts Point both more affordable AND more democratically controlled — and what would it cost? Name the cost. There are no free lunches.
