**Queen Anne & Lake Union**
Salubrious Queen Anne hoards old money in beautiful fin-de-siècle mansions. Lake Union’s southern shores are changing more quickly than the fresh-faced influx of techies can tweet about them, with clean-lined restaurants, a congestion-easing streetcar and the sprawling campus of Amazon.com.

**Belltown & Seattle Center**
Where industry once fumed, condos now rise in the thin walkable strip of Belltown. The neighborhood gained a reputation for trend-setting nightlife (read: grunge) in the 1990s, but these days it’s renowned for its 100-plus restaurants. The Seattle Center’s frequent makeovers have kept it vital and relevant.
Angie’s Umbrella, 2003. Jim Pridgeon and Benson Shaw; gift to the City of Seattle

**Downtown**
A standard American amalgam of boxy skyscrapers and brand-name shopping opportunities that’s given welcome oomph by Pike Place Market, the city’s heart, soul and number-one must-see sight.

**Pioneer Square**
Seattle’s birthplace retains the grit of its ‘Skid Row’ roots with historic architecture and a rambunctious street life tempered by art galleries and locavore restaurants.