# World Cup Ready: Optimizing For Google SEATTLE, WA 9.25.25







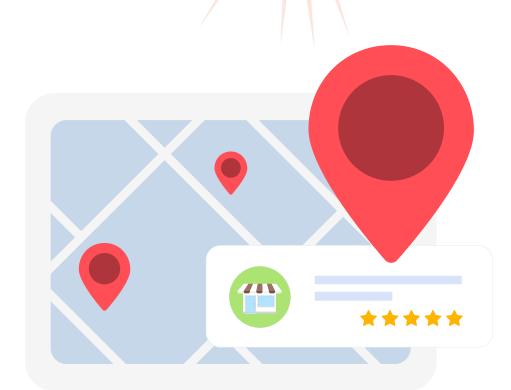


# What Is Local Search Engine Optimization?

Improves your businesses visibility in Google search results & in Google

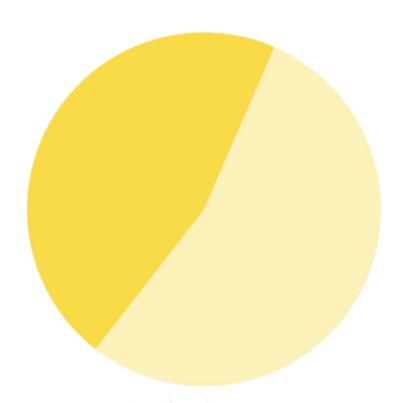
Maps for searches that contain location based terms such as:

- "Near Lumen Field"
- "World Cup bar Seattle"
- "International District restaurant open late"



# Why Invest In Local SEO?

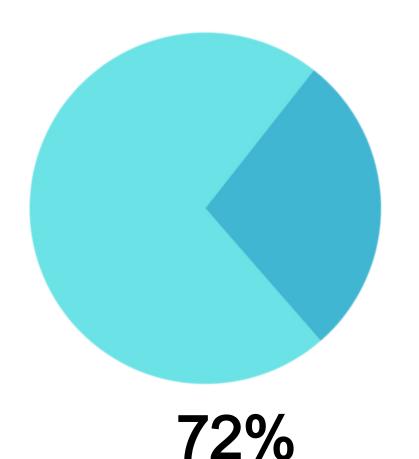
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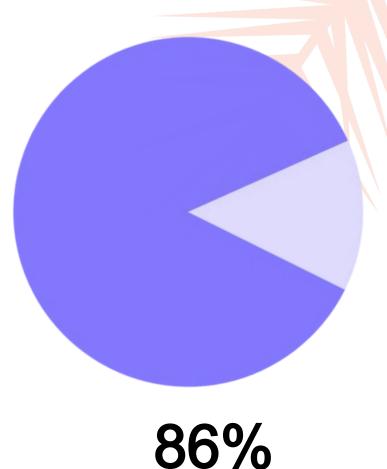
of all searches have to do with location

46%

Distance



of consumers searching for local businesses visit stores within five miles Prominence



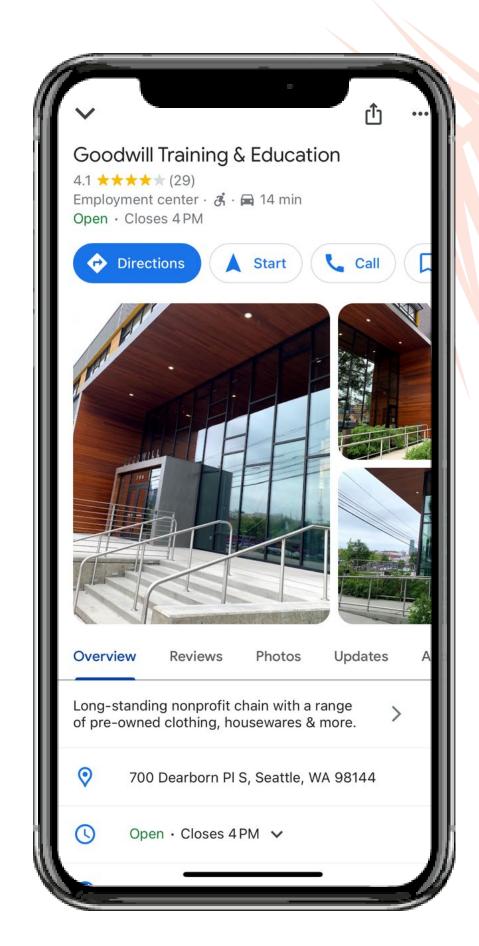
of consumers use

Google Maps to find
local businesses

# The Key to Local SEO

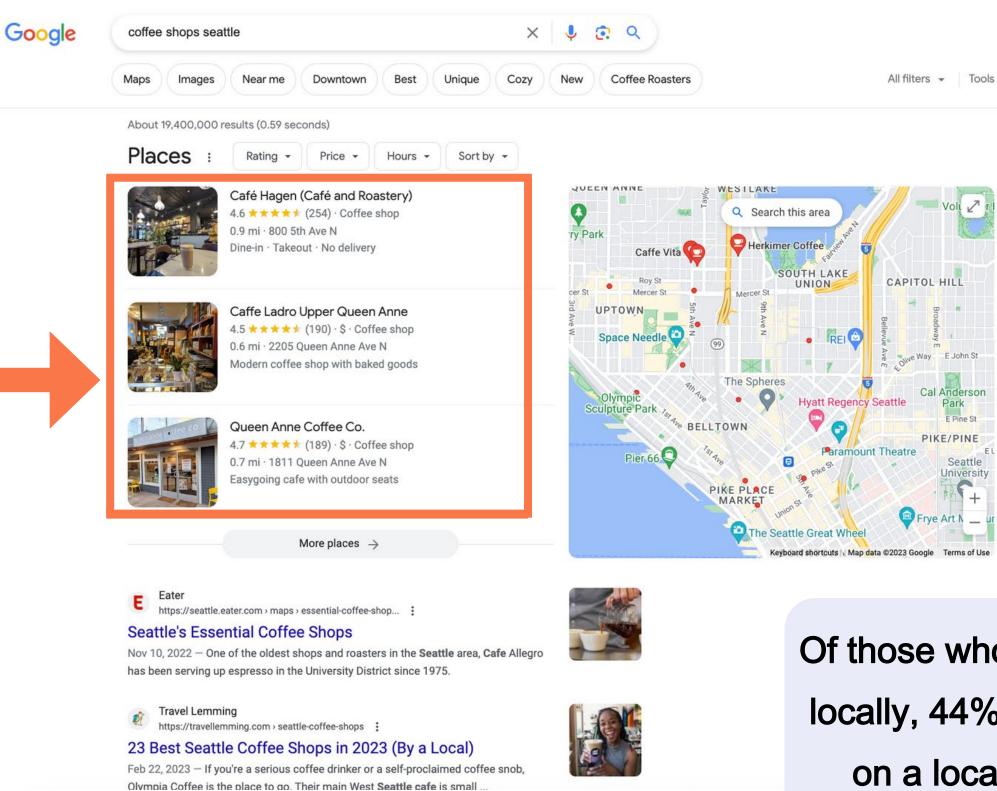
#### Google Business Profile

- Displays essential information about a business & it's services
  - Name
  - Address
  - Phone
  - Website
  - Hours (make sure they are up to-date!)
- Highlight reviews, Menu & other selling points
- Required for local search results & Google Maps
- Capitalize on Zero-click searches
- Verify your business with Google



# Local "Map" 3 -Pack

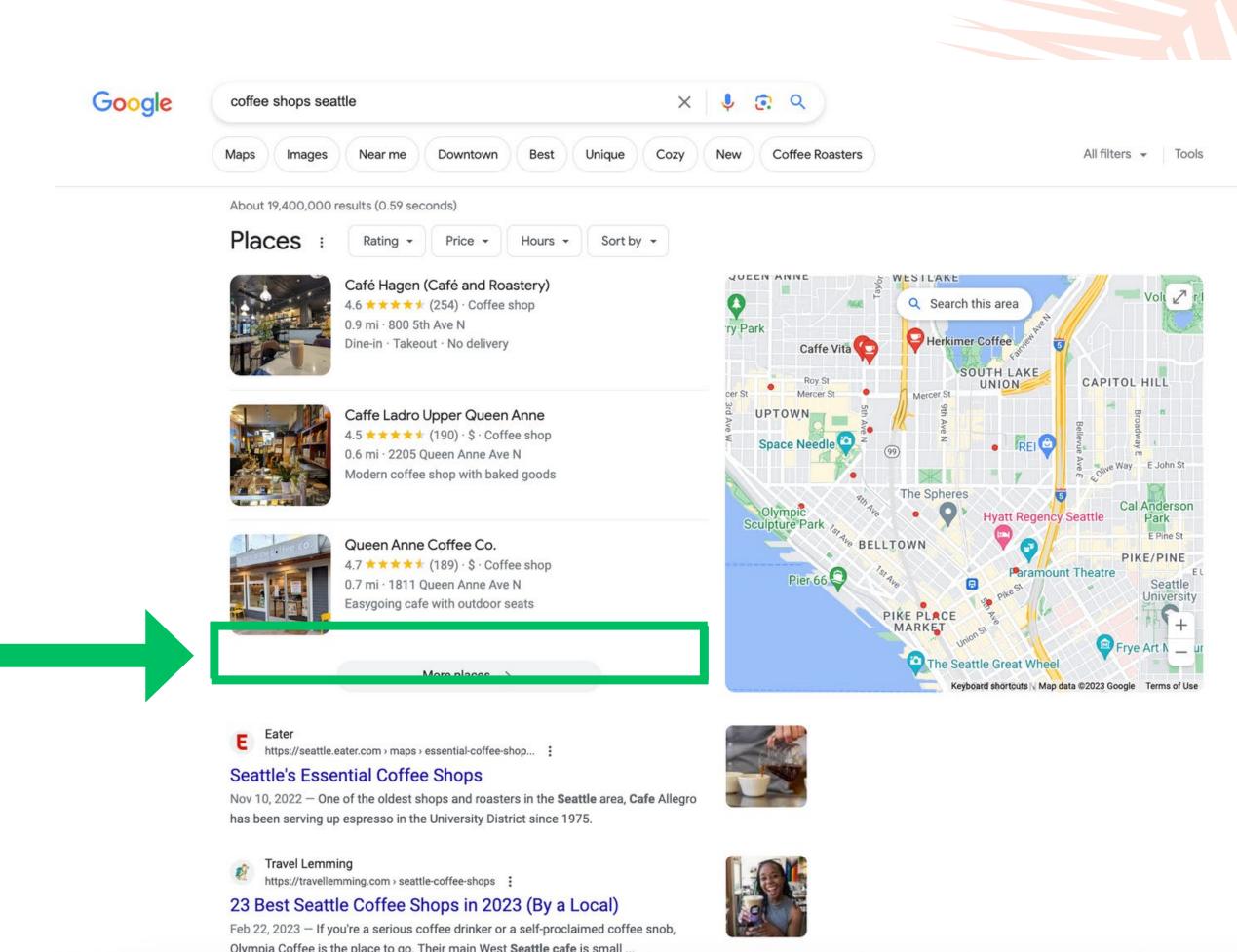
Top 3 listings at the top of search results after a search query with local intent. i.e. coffee shop seattle.



Of those who search locally, 44% clicked on a local pack result.

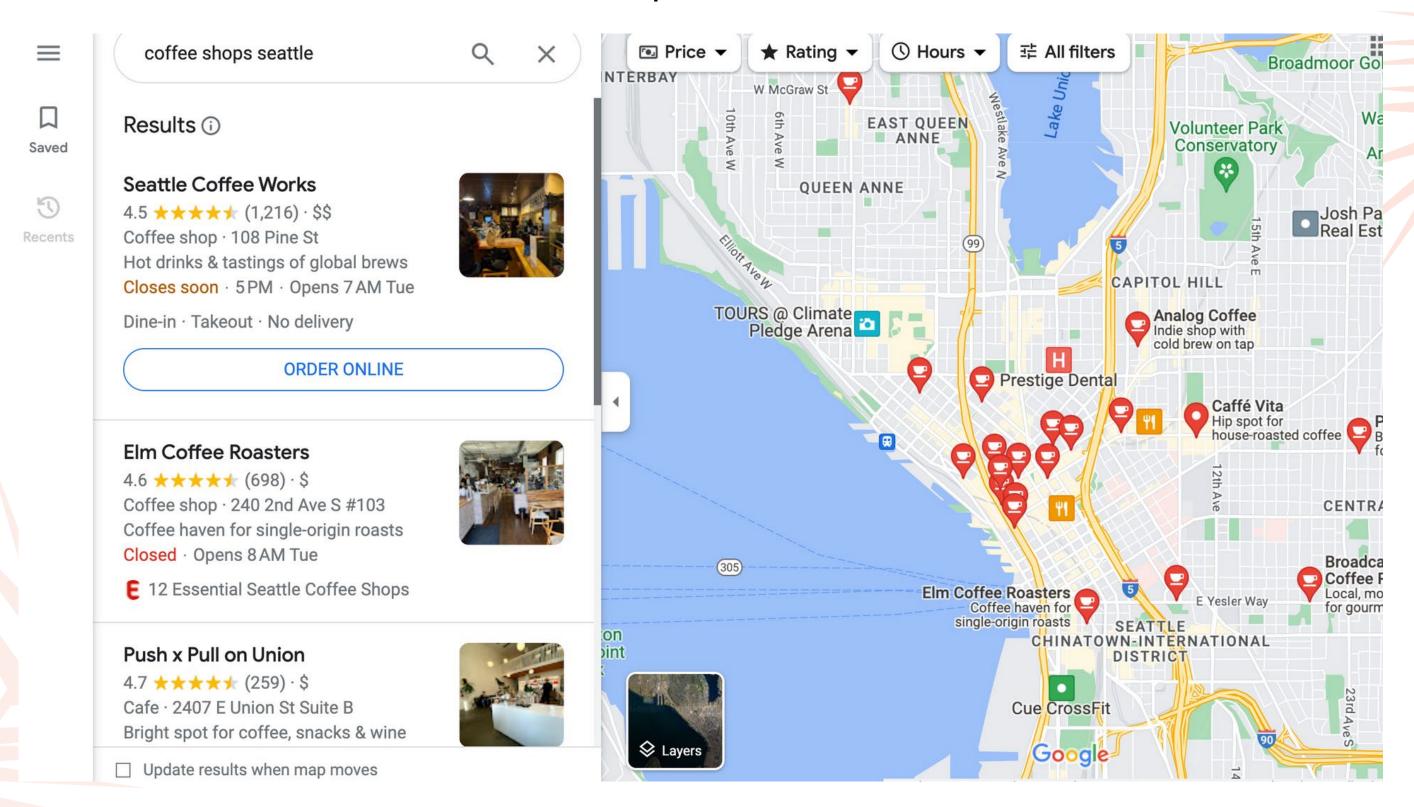
#### Local Finder

- Google Local
   Finder returns
   results within a small geographic area.
- Expands into map with more local business listings.

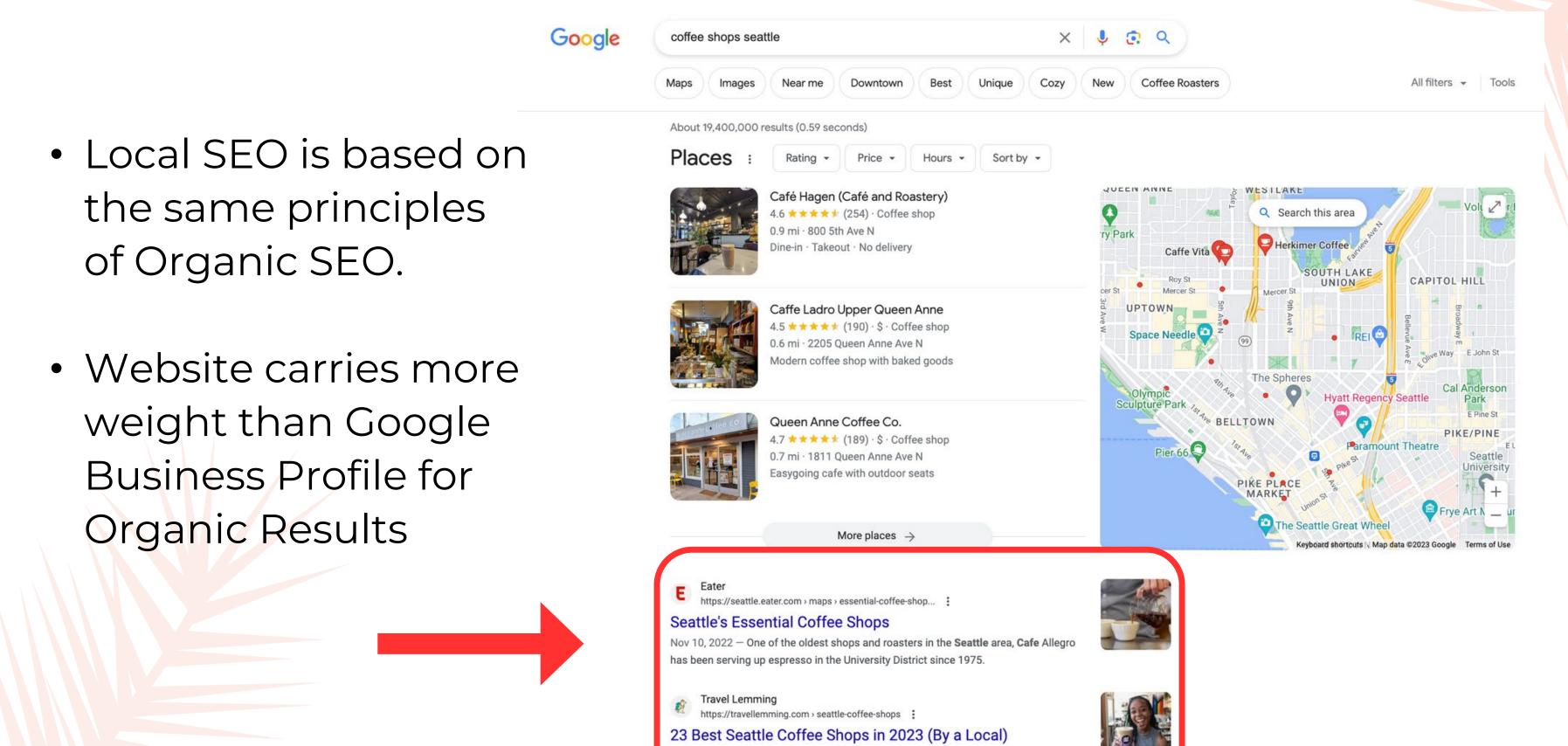


# Google Maps Results

#### Broader viewport than Local Pack



# Local Organic Results



Feb 22, 2023 - If you're a serious coffee drinker or a self-proclaimed coffee snob,

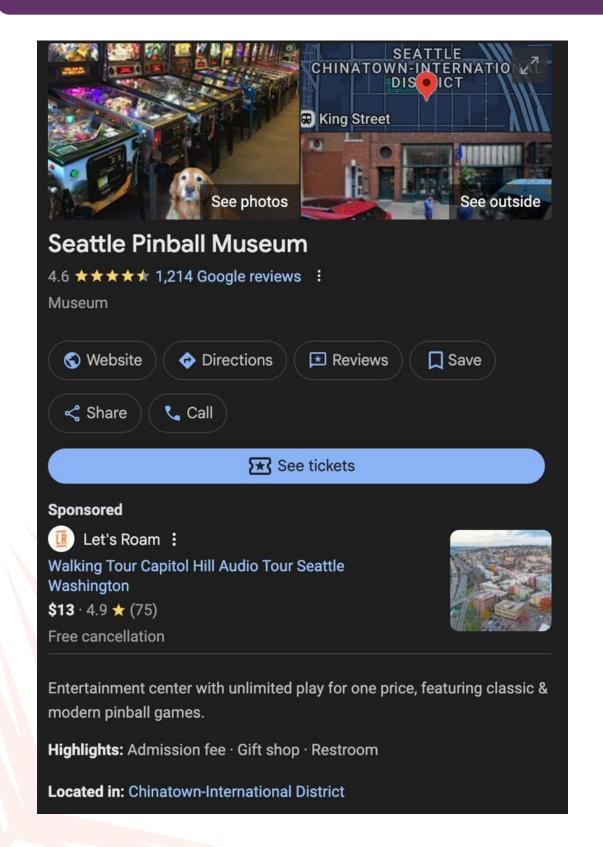
# OPTIMIZING FOR WORLD CUP TRAFFIC



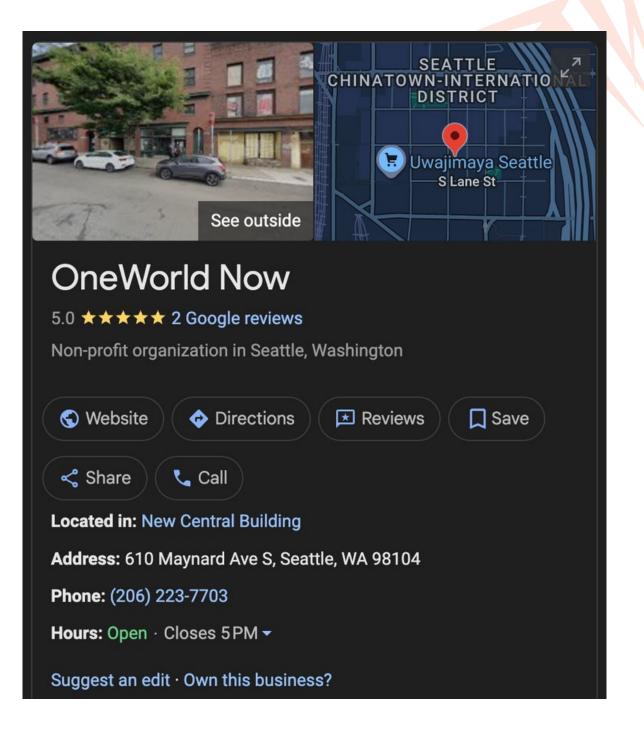
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#### Good vs Bad

#### What do you notice?



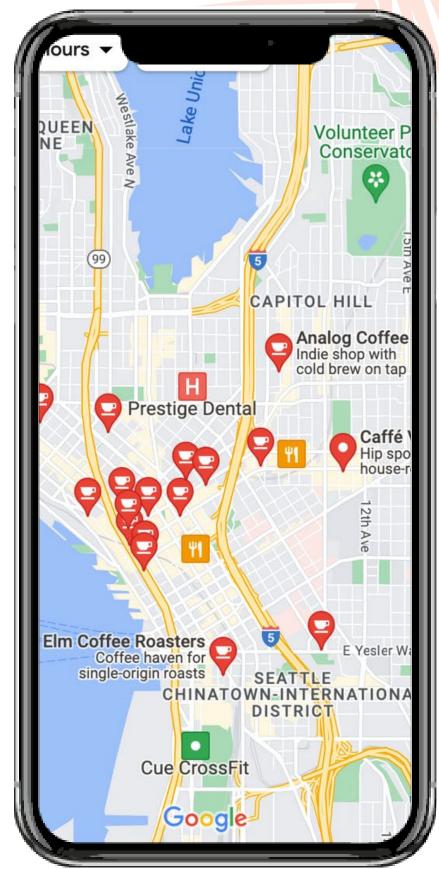




# How To Rank for "Near Me" Searches

#### Important Steps

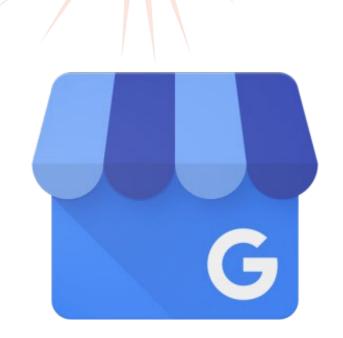
- 1. Optimized Google Business Profile Is Essential
- 2. Use Local Landmarks & Phrases
- 3.Include Directions & Local Context
- 4.Create Event-Themed Pages or Posts
- 5.Add Location Schema



## Optimize Your Profile

#### Consistency is key when optimzing Your GBP

- Consistent info across platforms (name, address, phone)
- Choose the correct category
- Add & update content regularly.
  - High resolution photos, videos, etc.
  - include world cup themed updates and photos
- Keep up to date:
  - Business hours (including extended game hours)
  - Holiday hours
  - Contact Information
- Use all 750 characters in about section
- Include images and descriptions of products
- Include relevant Keywords

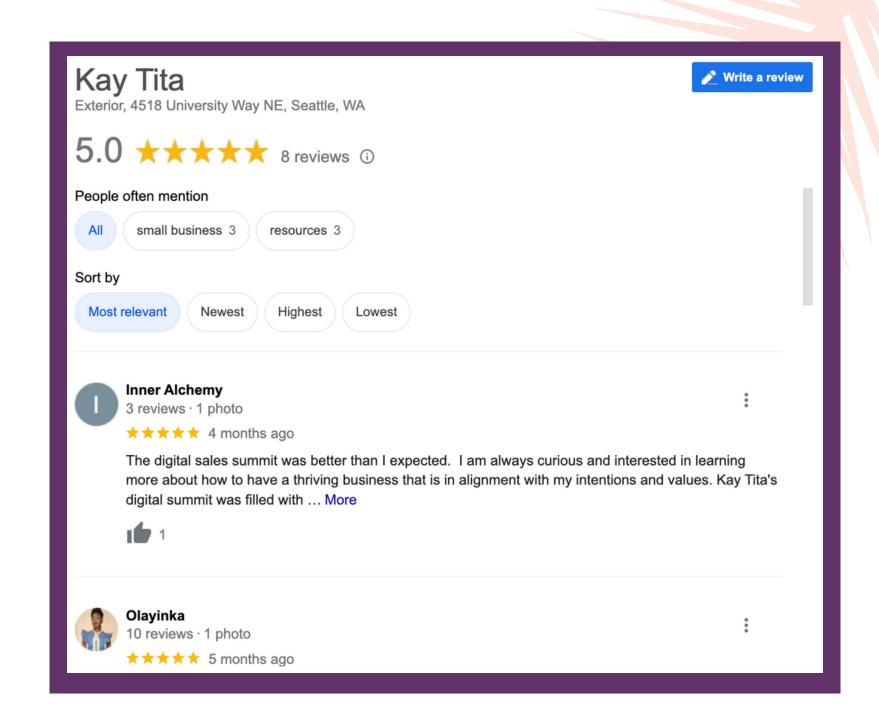


## The Importance of Reviews

Nearly 9 out of 10 people trust online reviews from strangers as much from friends & family.

#### Google prioritizes profiles with reviews

- Ask for specific feedback
- Make it easy
- Respond to EVERY eeview
  - Not just the positive ones
- Highlight positive reviews on your website or social
- Consistent reviews are more valuable than a one time burst
- Aim for 10 then 100

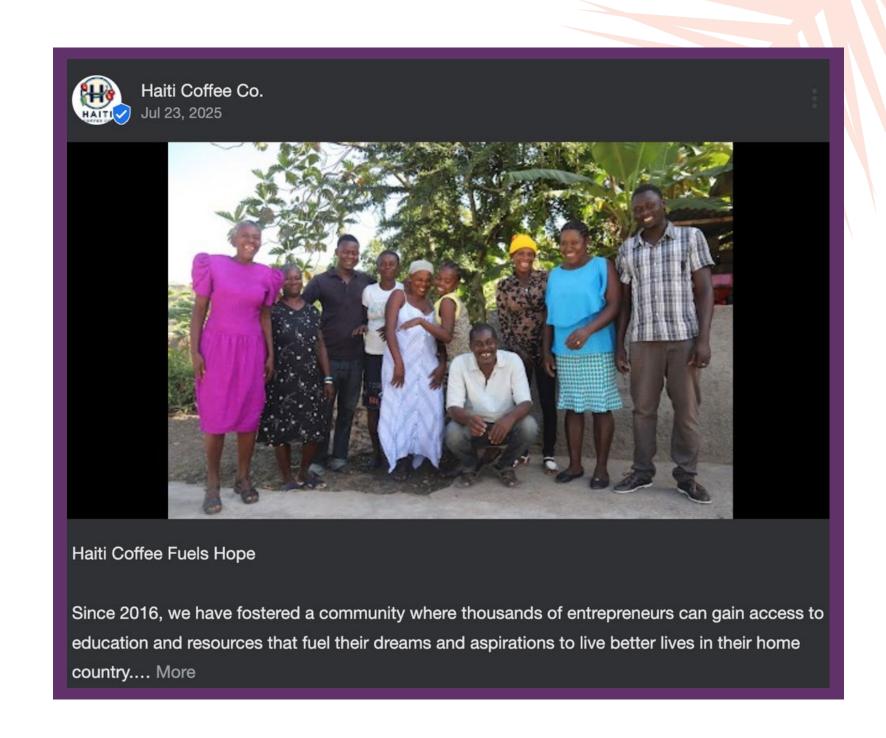


## Take Advantage of Updates

Share with Google whats happening with your business

#### Updates provide a positive signal

- Keeps profile updated
- Allows keyword utilization and event specific focus
- More data for the algorithm
- Shows google you are active
- These show up in search!



#### Questions & Answers

Include keywords while answering your customers most asked questions

#### Share high value information

- Answer customer questions using high value keywords
- Utilize as a FAQ page about your services, parking, etc.

#### **Questions and answers**

#### Where does Haiti Coffee ship?



We ship throughout the United States, including Washington State, California, New York, and beyond. International shipping is available upon request. All orders are roasted fresh and delivered to your door. Please note that our cold crew i ...

3 weeks ago

### **Local Citations**

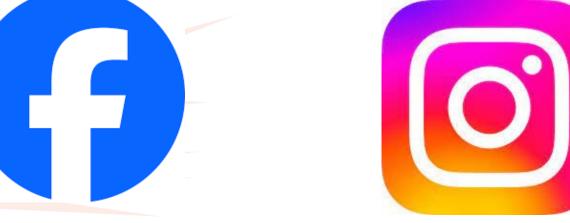
Consistent online mentions of a business's name, address, and phone number on various local directories, websites, and social platforms.







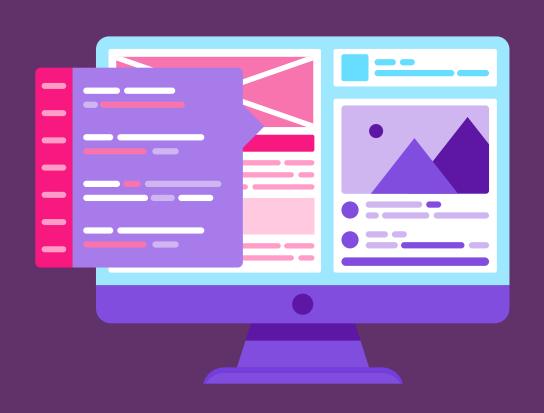








# ESSENTIAL SEO TOOLS:



#### **GBP Tools**

**Collect Reviews** 



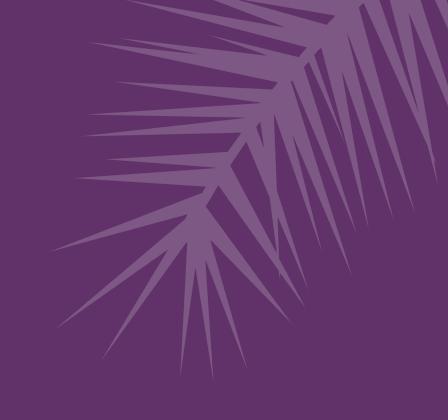
**Track Reviews** 



Manage Reviews

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# OPTIMIZATION DEEP DIVE SURF RIDER MEDIA



## Come Prepared With:

- Verified Google Business Profile
- Photos, Logo & Videos of Storefront & products
- Access to website
- Event Ideas
- Products to promote

Reach out to stew@surfridermedia.com for help

#### Work With SRM

#### 10 free consulting hours through the City of Seattle

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- 10 Hours Free Consulting Paid for by the City Of Seattle
  - Google Business Profile Audit & Optimization
  - Keyword Research & SEO Roadmap
  - Website Optimizations
  - Marketing plan for the world cup

Cost

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