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International Special Review District announces results of annual election

SEATTLE (November 29, 2023) – The annual election for the [International Special Review District](#) (ISRD) Board was held by mail, with ballots tabulated on the evening of Tuesday, November 21. Seattle Department of Neighborhoods received a total of 118 ballots. Three positions were up for election and the results are as follows:

- Paul Lee won Position #1 for a Business owner, Property owner or Employee.
- Gary Lee won Position #2 for Resident, Tenant, or Community participant.
- Kyle Jacobson won Position #4 for Resident, Tenant, or Community participant.

Candidate terms will start December 1, 2023.

The special character of the Chinatown International District is recognized and protected by city ordinance. In 1973, the International Special Review District Board was created to preserve, protect and enhance the cultural, economic and historical qualities of the District. The Board is composed of seven members – five elected by the Chinatown International District community and two appointed by the Mayor. Board member terms are typically for two years, and members may serve up to two consecutive terms.

The following Board members served through November 2023: Ryan Gilbert, Heather Hargesheimer, Nella Kwan, Adrian Lam (Chair), Michael Le, Andy Yip (Vice Chair) and Ming Zhang.

The International Special Review District is coordinated by the Seattle Department of Neighborhoods Historic Preservation Program which is responsible for the designation and protection of more than 400 historic structures, sites, objects, and vessels, as well as eight historic districts located throughout the city.

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