



The City of Seattle

International Special Review District

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ISRD 178/24

Staff Report

Address: 655 S. King St – Rex Apartments (historically called Rex Hotel)

Record #: DONH-COA-01405

Applicant Representatives: Michelle Kumata, Wing Luke Museum

Exterior alteration – artwork: Proposed installation of a 10 x 10 printed aluminum mural, honoring Bruce Lee. Artwork by Louie Gong. Artwork to be installed on the Maynard Ave S. side of the building. Will be on display from November 2024-December 2026.

Additional details:

The Rex Hotel as built in 1909 and is listed as contributing building to the Seattle Chinatown National Register District. It is located within the Asian Design Character District.

When reviewing artwork, the Board considers placement, materials, colors, scale and method of attachment.

PROPOSED MOTION

I move that the International Special Review District Board recommend approval of a Certificate of Approval for exterior alterations for the application of a 10x10 mural, from 11/1/2024-12/31/2026, per the submitted application materials.

The Board directs staff to prepare a written recommendation of approval, based on considering the application submittal and Board discussion at the September 24, 2024 public meeting, and forward this written recommendation to the Department of Neighborhoods Director.

This action is based on the **following applicable sections of the International Special Review District Ordinance and relevant Standards:**

Seattle Municipal Code (SMC)

SMC 23.66.336 - Exterior building finishes

- A. General Requirements
- B. Asian Design Character District

Secretary of the Interior Standard #9 and #10