

International Special Review District

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Dear Chinatown/International District Community Member:

The annual election for the International Special Review District (ISRD) Board is approaching! There are <u>three</u> positions open this year: *one* for a Business Person, Property Owner or Employee and *two* for Resident, Tenant or Community Participant. An election notice and nomination form are attached.

Date of the election:Tuesday, November 19th, from 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.Election location:Bush Hotel, Plaza level meeting room

If you would like to nominate a candidate, please fill out and submit the enclosed nomination form **no later than Tuesday, October 22, 2019.** You may submit your form by mail to: *Department of Neighborhoods PO Box 94649, Seattle, WA 98124-4649*, or in person at: *Seattle City Hall, 600 4th Ave., 4th floor.* A copy of the Board election procedures is available by request.

In order to vote on November 19th, voters **must be registered at least thirty (30) days prior to the election.** Once you are registered, you do not need to register again <u>unless</u> you have moved or your voter category has changed. To confirm your registration status or request a voter registration form, please contact the Board Coordinator at the number below.

The special character of the Chinatown/International District is recognized and protected by City Ordinance. In 1973, the International Special Review District (ISRD) Board was created to preserve, protect and enhance the cultural, economic, and historical qualities of the area and, in particular, its unique Asian character. The Board reviews both changes to individual businesses and changes that may impact the entire district. To preserve this special character, the ISRD Board must review and approve all uses including use of the public sidewalks, new construction, and changes to building exteriors within the district, including signs or new paint colors or security gates, *before* installation or construction.

The Board has seven members, five elected by the community and two appointed by the Mayor. Board members serve two year terms. The Board meets at 4:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at the Bush Hotel. Additional information about the ISRD can be found on our website, http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/preservation/id.htm.

If you have any questions, please contact me at <u>rebecca.frestedt@seattle.gov</u> or 206-684-0226.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Frestedt Board Coordinator

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