City of Seattle Design Review Board Member Application

Each of the seven neighborhood-based Design Review Boards is comprised of five volunteer members. Members advise the City of Seattle about the design of proposed commercial and multifamily buildings at twice-monthly evening meetings. The Mayor and City Council appoint members for two year terms. To be eligible to serve, you must live in Seattle. *Applications are due December 14 for terms that begin April 4 of the following year.* For more, see: www.seattle.gov/designreview. For a list of the upcoming year's openings, see attached Appendix.

STEP 1: APPLICANT INFORMATION

| Name (last) Address (home) | (first) (work) |
|---|----------------------|
| Phone (home or cell) Email (home) Home Neighborhood (Ravenna, Delridge, etc.) | (work or cell)(work) |
| How did you hear about this opportunity? | |
| | |

STEP 2: BOARD PREFERENCE

The city is divided into seven design review board districts. Some applicants only want to serve on the board in the district in which they live or work. Others are willing to serve on any of the seven boards.

Check the following board(s) for which you want to be considered. You may check more than one. Checking more than one increases the competitiveness of your application. See the Appendix for a list of upcoming openings.

1. Northwest

2. Northeast

3. West (no openings)

4. Southeast

- 5. Southwest (no openings)
- 6. Downtown
- 7. East (no openings)

Describe your preferences for board placement:



STEP 3: BOARD POSITIONS

The board is composed of five members who represent the interest groups in the development process.

All members, regardless of position, should demonstrate: knowledge of architecture, urban design and the development process; the ability to communicate effectively, work well under pressure and manage public meetings; a passion for community development; and a commitment to prepare for and attend two evening meetings a month.

Consider me for these board positions. Some applicants have diverse experiences and therefore qualify for different positions. You may check more than one.

Design professional interests

Typically, this position is held by someone with a degree and accreditation in a design field, such as architecture, landscape architecture or urban design.

Development interests

Typically, this position is held by someone who works for a developer, has developed property or demonstrates understanding of the land development process.

Community interests

Typically, this position is held by someone who demonstrates an interest in improving the city as a whole.

Local business interests

Typically, this position is held by someone who lives or works in the district and manages a business or demonstrates the understanding of the needs of businesses.

Local residential interests

Typically, this position is held by someone who lives in the district or who demonstrates an understanding of the concerns of those who live in the district.

STEP 4: RESUME AND COVER LETTER

Attach a copy of your resume and a cover letter which explains your interest in serving and why the Mayor or Council should appoint you.

I have attached my:

resume cover letter

STEP 5: FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Matching a prospective board candidate with an open position is often a matter of timing. Many whom apply might make good candidates for future open positions.

Yes, I want to be considered for a board position in **future years** if I am not selected for a Design Review Board position in this recruitment cycle.

STEP 6: DIVERSITY (OPTIONAL)

The City of Seattle looks for a diversity of background of its boards and commissions members.

What is your:

Year Born: _____ Sex: Male Female

l am (check all that apply):

| Native American | Hispanic/Latino |
|------------------|-----------------|
| African American | White/Caucasian |
| Asian American | Other |

l am:

Disabled

STEP 7: COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY

Design Review Boards represent diverse interests in residential, professional, development, and business communities in the City of Seattle in the Design Review process.

Please describe your experience with and/or your commitment to promoting diversity in the following areas:

- Race/Ethnicity
- Immigrants/Refugees
- Age/Generational
- Sex/Gender
- Sexual Orientation
- Disability (physical, mental, behavioral)

STEP 8: APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Each year, the Mayor and Council appoint new members to the board for terms that begin April 4. Applications are accepted year round until December 14 for the following year's appointments. Applications submitted will also be considered for any unexpected openings that may occur during the year.

Date submitted (*mm/dd/yyyy*)

Return this form, cover letter, and resume via email to: **lisa.rutzick@seattle.gov**

Digital submissions save paper and enable easy sharing of your application with the search committee.

If you do not have an email address or are unable to create digital copies of your application materials, you may mail or fax in your application to:

Lisa Rutzick

Department of Planning and Development 700 5th Avenue, Suite 2000 PO Box 34019 Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Phone: (206) 386-9049

Fax: (206) 233-7902

MORE INFORMATION

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APPENDIX: 2015 DESIGN REVIEW BOARD OPENINGS

The following positions will be vacant as retiring board members' terms expire April 4, 2016. Additional openings may become available if board members who are eligible for second terms are not reappointed or if board members decide to step down mid-term.

Downtown Review Board

- design professional representative
- community representative

Northeast Design Review Board

- local business representative

Northwest Design Review Board

- community representative

Southeast Design Review Board

- development professional representative