January 16, 2018

Subject: Important information about land use changes in Little Saigon

Effective January 1st, 2018, any physical changes to the outside of a business or building in Little Saigon will require approval from the City of Seattle. These changes will apply to you if your business or building is located between I-5 highway and Rainier Ave S and S. Dearborn Street to S. Main Street. See map below. This change is a result of legislation passed by the Seattle City Council on Aug. 2, 2017.

To get approval from the city, you must apply to the International Special Review District Board or ISRD. The ISRD Board is the group at the City that will review and approve your proposed changes. No physical changes to the outside of your property or business can happen until you receive approval from the ISRD board.

This letter introduces the ISRD requirements and Certificate of Approval process that will be required for outside changes and changes of use within the newly expanded ISRD boundaries. Please share this important information with your tenants, business owners, property managers, and property owners.

Here’s what business owners, property owners, residents and community members need to know:


Rebecca Frestedt, the ISRD Coordinator, with the Seattle Department of Neighborhoods, is available to answer your questions and assist you with the application review and approval process. Ms. Frestedt is available in the community from 9-11 AM on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of each month at Hing Hay CoWorks, in Bush Asia Hotel, 409 Maynard Ave. S. She is also available by appointment. Ms. Frestedt’s contact information is listed below.

Our website is a source for further information, including Common Questions, the Certificate of Approval Application and links to the design guidelines and land use code. 
http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/preservation/id.htm

Coming soon:
In early 2018, we will conduct door-to-door outreach with an interpreter to talk with business owners and answer questions. Ms. Frestedt will also begin holding office hours in Little Saigon.
If you need access to interpretation and/or have questions about these changes, please contact Rebecca Frestedt at rebecca.frestedt@seattle.gov or 206-684-0226.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Rebecca Frestedt
Board Coordinator