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1	Council President's Office	08/31/2017	sent for review	Full Council			
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1	Full Council	09/05/2017	referred	Full Council			
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1	Full Council	09/05/2017	adopted				Pass
	Action Text: The Motion carried, the Resolution was adopted by the following vote, and the President signed the Resolution:						
	Notes: Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt Resolution 31769.						

In Favor: 8 Councilmember Bagshaw, Councilmember Burgess, Council President
Harrell, Councilmember Herbold, Councilmember Johnson,
Councilmember Juarez, Councilmember O'Brien, Councilmember
Sawant

Opposed: 0

1	City Clerk	09/06/2017	submitted for	Mayor
			Mayor's signature	
1	Mayor	09/08/2017	Signed	
1	Mayor	09/08/2017	returned	City Clerk
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CITY OF SEATTLE

RESOLUTION 31769

A RESOLUTION relating to the Chinatown/International District; amending Resolution 31754, incorporating Filipino Town, and recognizing the important history and contributions of Filipino-Americans to the City of Seattle.

WHEREAS, the Seattle City Council adopted Resolution 31754 on July 31, 2017, recognizing the significant work of the Chinatown/International District community to support and implement the vision of a unique Asian-American neighborhood with thriving minority-owned businesses, cultural institutions, diverse and affordable housing, safe and dynamic public spaces, and an accessible neighborhood for all transportation modes; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 31754 is a companion resolution to Ordinance 125371, implementing Mandatory Housing Affordability requirements in the Chinatown/International District, and reconfirms the City's commitment to work with the Chinatown/International District community to address entrenched issues that have plagued the neighborhood for several decades; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle City Council received public testimony from leaders of the Filipino community at Full Council on August 7, 2017, sharing concerns of not including "Manilatown" or "Filipino Town" in Resolution 31754; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle City Council articulated to members of the Filipino community that it was acting in good faith to incorporate feedback in Resolution 31754; and

WHEREAS, the term "Manilatown" was used by Filipino-American "Uncle Bob" Santos, an Asian-Pacific Islander community leader known as the mayor of Seattle's Chinatown/International District, and many others to show their love for the Chinatown/International District; and

1 WHEREAS, the Filipino community is an important part of the inclusive and diverse

2 Chinatown-International District neighborhood; and

3 WHEREAS, The City of Seattle acknowledged the Filipino community's presence, vibrancy,

4 and contributions in 2011, when it helped fund a 7-foot-tall kiosk under the Only in

5 Seattle grant and proclaimed November 2012 as "Honoring Filipino Americans in Seattle

6 Chinatown ID History Month"; and

7 WHEREAS, "Filipino Town" was the inclusive name used in the U.S. Department of the Interior

8 National Park Service nomination for adding the Seattle Chinatown Historic District to

9 the National Register of Historic Places Inventory; and

10 WHEREAS, The City of Seattle has celebrated and honored the Filipino community with the

11 following proclamations and resolutions: 1) November 15, 2015, Filipino Community of

12 Seattle, Inc. Day; 2) October 2015, Filipino-American Heritage Month; 3) October 2013,

13 Filipino American History Month; 4) October 19, 2013, Filipino Youth Activities Drill

14 Team Day; 5) February 4, 2012, Filipino Veterans Memorial Monument Day; 6) October

15 2011, Filipino American History Month; 7) November 5, 2011, Filipino American

16 Community of Seattle Day; 8) October 2010, Filipino American History Month;

17 9) Resolution 30337, honoring the bravery and sacrifices of Filipino-American soldiers

18 who fought during World War II; 10) Resolution 30808, in support of the Filipino

19 Veterans Equity Act of 2005; and 11) Resolution 30182, honoring the many contributions

20 of Asians and Pacific Islanders in our community; NOW, THEREFORE,

21 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE THAT:**

Section 1. Resolution 31754 is amended as follows:

WHEREAS, the area known as Chinatown/International District (C/ID) includes the neighborhoods of Chinatown, Japantown, historic Filipino Town, and Little Saigon; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 102455, passed by the City Council ("Council") on August 13, 1973, established the International Special Review District in the C/ID to preserve the District's unique Asian-American character and to encourage rehabilitation of areas for housing and pedestrian-oriented businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle Chinatown National Register Historic District, established in 1986, is located within the International Special Review District; and

WHEREAS, the City established the current boundaries of the C/ID in 1998 by Ordinance 119297, resulting from the collaboration by the people of the three distinct neighborhoods on the Chinatown/International District Strategic Plan submitted to the Council in December 1998; and

WHEREAS, the City has long benefited from the unique and significant contributions of the people, organizations, and businesses of the C/ID to our shared economic vitality and civic life; and

WHEREAS, the C/ID community has persevered despite the effects of racist and inequitable national and local laws and unfair housing practices since the early days of the City; and

WHEREAS, several major public projects have significantly impacted the physical development of the C/ID, including the construction of Interstate 5 through the

1 C/ID, the construction and demolition of the Kingdome, and the construction of
2 two new stadia; and

3 WHEREAS, the City and the community began the planning effort known as Livable
4 South Downtown in 2003, leading to recommendations in 2009 for changes to
5 zoning in South Downtown neighborhoods, including in the C/ID; and

6 WHEREAS, in 2011, consistent with the recommendations, the City changed the Land
7 Use Code to increase development capacity in the South Downtown
8 neighborhoods, and provided for historic preservation, creation of open space,
9 better building and street design, and support for small businesses via Ordinance
10 123589; and

11 WHEREAS, in November 2015 the Council passed Ordinance 124895, which created
12 Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) Chapter 23.58B and established the framework for
13 the commercial component of mandatory housing affordability (MHA); the
14 Council updated this chapter in December 2016 with Ordinance 125233; and

15 WHEREAS, in August 2016 the Council passed Ordinance 125108, which created SMC
16 Chapter 23.58C and established the framework for the residential component of
17 MHA; and

18 WHEREAS, concurrently with this resolution, the City is considering legislation for
19 additional development capacity in the C/ID, excluding the Seattle Chinatown
20 National Register Historic District, as well as implementation of MHA
21 requirements; and

22 WHEREAS, the potential implementation of MHA requirements and additional
23 development capacity in the C/ID are changes to land use regulations that are

1 intended to promote the development of more affordable housing as well as
2 encouraging growth in the Downtown Urban Center; and

3 WHEREAS, the overarching goals of Seattle's Comprehensive Plan (Seattle 2035) for
4 the C/ID are: thriving businesses, organizations, and cultural institutions; diverse
5 and affordable housing; safe and dynamic public spaces; and an accessible
6 neighborhood for all transportation modes; and

7 WHEREAS, the goal of Seattle 2035 for the commercial core of the C/ID is maintaining
8 the commercial core as a major employment center, tourist and convention
9 attraction, shopping magnet, residential neighborhood, and regional hub of
10 cultural and entertainment activities, while promoting a unique neighborhood
11 identity for the commercial core; and

12 WHEREAS, the City conducted the 2016 Growth and Equity Analysis in conjunction
13 with the update to Seattle's Comprehensive Plan, finding in part that both the risk
14 of displacement and access to opportunity are high in the C/ID; and

15 WHEREAS, in response to the 2016 Growth and Equity Analysis, the City created the
16 Equitable Development Initiative, a collection of strategies aimed at advancing
17 economic mobility and opportunity, preventing displacement, building local
18 cultural assets, promoting transportation mobility and connectivity, and
19 developing healthy and safe neighborhoods; and

20 WHEREAS, in September 2016, InterIm Community Development Association,
21 Swedish, Public Health – Seattle and King County, and community-based
22 organizations released the 2020 Healthy Community Action Plan, which defines
23 the complex health and social issues, resulting from years of historic

1 disinvestment and institutional racism, the C/ID faces and strategies to address
2 those issues; and

3 WHEREAS, in December 2015, the Mayor convened the Chinatown/International
4 District Public Safety Task Force ("Task Force") to address public safety and
5 livability in the C/ID neighborhood, and in 2016 the Council passed Statement of
6 Legislative Intent (SLI) 80-1-A-4 requesting a report from the Task Force on
7 public safety recommendations; and

8 WHEREAS, in June 2016, the Task Force delivered many recommendations under three
9 main categories: 1) improve communication and coordination between the C/ID
10 and the City; 2) target criminal activities and related environmental factors; and
11 3) foster public safety through a vibrant and healthy neighborhood;

12 WHEREAS, the Mayor presented the Public Safety Action Plan for the C/ID in response
13 to the Task Force's recommendations to the Council; and

14 WHEREAS, in May 2017, the Mayor and Council adopted the 2017 City of Seattle and
15 Seattle Housing Authority Joint Assessment of Fair Housing by Ordinance
16 118961. The findings of the Assessment respond to the requirements of the U.S.
17 Department of Housing and Urban Development to assess compliance with the
18 Federal Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing rule and identified four
19 racially/ethnically concentrated areas of poverty (R/ECAPS) in Seattle: High
20 Point, Rainier Beach, New Holly, and, overlapping with the C/ID, First
21 Hill/Yesler Terrace; NOW, THEREFORE,

22 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE**
23 **MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:**

1 Section 1. The City recognizes the significance of land use regulation that
2 implements mandatory housing affordability (MHA) to the production of new affordable
3 housing, as well as more housing overall, while acknowledging that land use regulation
4 alone is not sufficient to achieve the articulated goals of the Chinatown/International
5 District (C/ID).

6 Section 2. The City commits to considering the contributions of all stakeholders
7 in the C/ID during the pending revision of use and development rules and guidelines of
8 the International Special Review District (ISRD) and the design review program, to better
9 serve the C/ID. The Council requests that the Office of Planning and Community
10 Development (OPCD) and the Department of Neighborhoods (DON) work with the C/ID
11 community, stakeholders, and the ISRD Board to consider the following types of
12 changes:

- 13 • Reducing the maximum permitted size of retail uses;
- 14 • Specifying important characteristics of storefront entrances and their spacing;
- 15 • Amending the list of conditional uses;
- 16 • Applying limits to formula retail uses;
- 17 • Allowing administrative review for minor changes to buildings, rather than
18 ISRD board review;
- 19 • Providing authority to the ISRD board to grant departures from Land Use Code
20 requirements; and
- 21 • Changing the structure of the ISRD board.

22 Section 3. The Council supports the efforts of a C/ID Advisory Committee, with
23 City departments, to develop a framework and implementation plan for the C/ID,

1 addressing topics such as: updates to the ISRD guidelines, community development and
2 stabilization, strategic investment of City funds, public realm improvements, and an
3 update to the Charles Street Campus Master Plan. The Council expects the updated
4 planning for the City's Charles Street property to consider streetscape improvements
5 along S Dearborn Street, partial redevelopment, and a strategy for relocation of City
6 facilities leading to community ownership of property along S Dearborn Street,
7 particularly north of Charles Street, and additional adjacent portions of the site, if
8 recommended by the C/ID Advisory Committee.

9 Section 4. The City will act in a timely manner to partner with local businesses,
10 property owners, community organizations, and customers to promote entrepreneurship,
11 economic development and commercial stability as evidenced by business retention,
12 expansion, and the ability to relocate within the neighborhood for culturally-relevant
13 commerce in the C/ID as guided by the recommendations of the Commercial
14 Affordability Advisory Committee and continuing dialogue with the C/ID's business
15 community stakeholders. The Council requests that C/ID Advisory Committee further
16 these recommendations by exploring additional tools and strategies to increase economic
17 viability and address cultural displacement including adjustments to operating fees for
18 small businesses, commercial land trusts, and incentives that would result in discounted
19 commercial rents for community-identified, commercial uses such as food storage and
20 warehousing to support local restaurants; community-rooted, legacy businesses; and
21 innovative spaces to support new businesses. Consistent with this approach, the Council
22 requests that the Office of Economic Development report to Council by September 2017
23 on the status and expected completion date for the King Street Activation project.

1 Section 5. The City recognizes the critical contribution of the
2 Chinatown/International District Public Safety Task Force and is dedicated to
3 maintaining improvements made based on the recommendations of the Task Force, while
4 acknowledging the significant work yet to be completed. The Council requests that the
5 Mayor and City departments maintain the momentum of early 2017 in the effort to
6 improve public safety in the C/ID and earnestly pursue the completion of the
7 unaccomplished goals of the Public Safety Action Plan for the C/ID.

8 Section 6. The Council requests a report from the Mayor by September 2017 on
9 the timing and sequence of the completion of City-supported projects to enhance parks
10 and public spaces, including improvements such as green streets, mid-block crossings,
11 and pocket parks. Furthermore, the Council intends to ensure ongoing support for the
12 operation and maintenance of public spaces in the C/ID, including the programming of
13 positive activities, as well as throughout Seattle.

14 Section 7. The Council requests a report from the Mayor on the timing and
15 sequence of transportation investments and improvements in the C/ID to access and
16 mobility via all modes, including but not limited to better street design plans to guide
17 private development, improvements to crosswalks, protected bike lanes, a neighborhood
18 greenway, and the Center City Connector streetcar project.

19 Section 8. Consistent with Seattle's designation as an Age-Friendly City, the City
20 recognizes the need for multicultural and multilingual services and businesses for long-
21 term residents who wish to live in the C/ID as they age. The Council requests that City
22 departments coordinate thoughtfully to amplify the City's efforts in making the C/ID
23 convenient to seniors.

1 Section 9. The City celebrates the strong cultural organizations, religious
2 institutions, and community-based organizations that the people of the C/ID have built
3 over time. The City recognizes with gratitude the partnerships with these institutions and
4 organizations. The City will emphasize the ongoing, reciprocal commitment with these
5 organizations and institutions in prioritizing the shared goals of the City and these
6 partners for the near future and over the long term. The City recognizes the diversity of
7 perspectives within the C/ID and remains committed to inclusive and equitable
8 community involvement by continually seeking to connect with a broad range of
9 community members as well as to uplift new voices, institutions, and organizations of the
10 C/ID and to encourage them to engage with the people of their neighborhood and to
11 partake in the decisions that impact them.

12 Section 10. The Council requests that the Mayor direct the City's departments to
13 coordinate efforts among themselves and with local organizations to enhance the C/ID, in
14 a manner exemplary of the City's approach to maintaining and improving the quality of
15 life throughout Seattle.

16 Section 11. The Council recognizes the strong desire of diverse stakeholders and
17 Asian-Pacific Islander (API) communities to retain a "cultural home" in the C/ID; and
18 that the future of the C/ID as a safe, vibrant neighborhood with a unique identity depends
19 on placemaking, economic development, and community building by its residents and
20 stakeholders. The City commits to exploring culturally- and linguistically-responsive
21 strategies and resources that can help C/ID residents and stakeholders to best preserve
22 and grow cultural, community, and business institutions as a diverse, unique
23 neighborhood.

1 Section 12. The City is committed to continued investment in the Equitable
2 Development Initiative, which builds creative anti-displacement, community-driven
3 solutions, and mitigates historic disinvestment. Furthermore, the Council will work with
4 the Executive to provide options for establishing an ongoing funding source for
5 investments through the Equitable Development Initiative in advance of the 2018 budget
6 process.

7 Section 13. The City recognizes the potential for displacement as property in the
8 C/ID undergoes public and private development, and is committed to informing City
9 decisions regarding investments by careful consideration of racial and social justice
10 impacts, including:

11 a. Support under the Equitable Development Initiative;

12 b. Exploration of strategies to encourage community control of land, public
13 financing for land acquisition, re-use of City-owned property and/or City partnership and
14 support for re-use of property owned by other public entities to minimize the burdens of
15 site control, including cleanup of polluted lands, and to increase the availability of land
16 for the development of new affordable housing, affordable commercial/retail and non-
17 profit community uses in the neighborhood;

18 c. Exploration of an Unreinforced Masonry Preservation pilot to increase the
19 supply of affordable housing on currently-vacant upper floors, and to sustain affordable
20 commercial spaces on the ground floors funded as allowed by the restrictions of various
21 sources such as the Mandatory Housing Affordability (MHA) program, proceeds from
22 the \$29 million housing bond, and/or a targeted growth fund with revenues from an
23 increment of increased property tax revenue from future growth, as appropriate; and

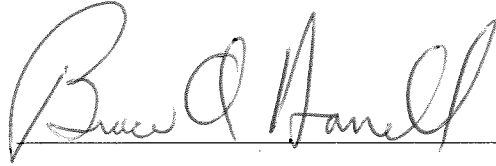
1 d. Support for displaced renters or those at risk of displacement, beyond the
2 provisions of the Tenant Relocation Assistance Ordinance, such as financial assistance
3 and case management supports to help people stay in their current homes or to secure
4 housing in the C/ID upon eviction.

5 Section 14. The Council requests that the Office of Housing, in collaboration with
6 community partners and other City departments, prepare and submit recommendations to
7 Council by March 31, 2018 for best practices, financial tools, as well as potential changes
8 to the Seattle Housing Levy Administrative and Financial Plan and subsections
9 23.58B.040.B and 23.58C.040.B of the Land Use Code. Council seeks recommendations
10 that would provide neighborhood stability, as evidenced by people returning or being
11 able to stay in the neighborhood, such as options for giving preference to qualified
12 applicants for OH-supported housing who have been long-time residents of the
13 neighborhood in which the housing is located, informed by a review of preference
14 programs implemented in comparable settings, such as San Francisco, California, and
15 Portland, Oregon. Also, during July 2018 Mandatory Housing Affordability (MHA)
16 Framework review, Council will consider ways to prioritize the City's spending of cash
17 contributions made through the payment option of the Mandatory Housing Affordability
18 program to support affordable housing in neighborhoods that the City has identified as
19 having a high-risk of displacement in addition to delivering new affordable housing units
20 throughout the city, including high-opportunity areas. Council intends that local non-
21 profit, low-income housing organizations that are culturally-relevant and historically
22 rooted in the C/ID, or other neighborhoods determined to be at high risk for
23 displacement, remain competitive in their application for available funding, and have fair

1 access to these funds through identification and elimination of institutional and structural
2 barriers to foster development that prevents displacement and advances other community
3 development goals.

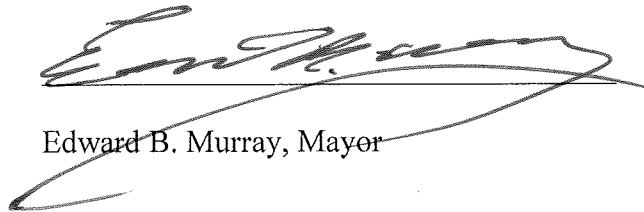
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6 Section 2. The Seattle City Council supports the Filipino community's effort to
7 implement Phase 2 of the Kiosk Project, currently under talks with the Wing Luke Museum of
8 the Asian Pacific American Experience.

1 Adopted by the City Council the 5th day of September, 2017,
2 and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 5th day of
3 September, 2017.

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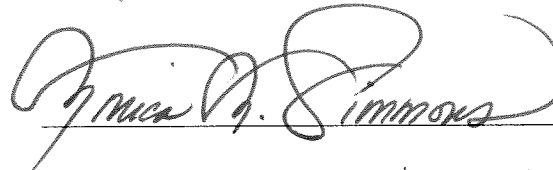
5 President _____ of the City Council

6 The Mayor concurred the ^{8th A.S.} 2^d day of September, 2017.

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8 Edward B. Murray, Mayor

9 Filed by me this 8th day of September, 2017.

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11 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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