

**RESOLUTION \_\_\_\_\_**

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3 A RESOLUTION stating the City of Seattle’s intent to assist the Friends of Little Saigon and  
4 other community members in the Little Saigon Neighborhood to explore the feasibility of  
5 a mixed-use project that would serve as a positive catalyst to preserve and enhance Little  
6 Saigon as a social, cultural, and economic hub.

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8 WHEREAS, Little Saigon is a historic social, cultural and economic hub of the Vietnamese  
9 community in the Puget Sound Region and a great cultural asset to the City of Seattle;  
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12 WHEREAS, Little Saigon is a vibrant small business district; and

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14 WHEREAS, the City adopted Land Use Code amendments in 2011 that allow increased  
15 development in South Downtown, including Little Saigon; and

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17 WHEREAS, in June 2007, the Department of Planning and Development funded an economic  
18 analysis of Little Saigon and Chinatown/International District to support the commercial  
19 districts in these communities and to help small businesses, especially those that are  
20 refugee- and immigrant-owned, to grow and prosper; and

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22 WHEREAS, the Department of Planning and Development funded a Landscape and Urban  
23 Design Study of Little Saigon in February 2008; and

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25 WHEREAS, in June 2012 the City acquired land in the Little Saigon community for a new park;  
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28 WHEREAS, the City Council is reviewing proposed Land Use Code amendments that would  
allow increased development at Yesler Terrace; and

WHEREAS, the First Hill Streetcar is under construction and will begin travel on Jackson Street  
through Little Saigon beginning in 2014; and

WHEREAS, the City’s economy is improving and development is beginning to increase  
citywide; and

WHEREAS, these factors will likely result in the redevelopment, over time, of portions of the  
Little Saigon neighborhood and may cause an increase in land values and rents that  
creates pressure for displacement of existing businesses and community members; and

1 WHEREAS, the Little Saigon community has indicated an interest in pursuing the development  
2 of a mixed-use project potentially including low-income housing, affordable commercial  
3 space, and a Vietnamese cultural center that could act as a positive catalyst to preserve  
4 and enhance Little Saigon; NOW, THEREFORE,

4 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE**  
5 **MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:**

6 The City of Seattle, including the Office of Housing, the Office of Economic Development, and  
7 the Department of Planning and Development, ~~with the assistance of~~ and the Seattle Housing  
8 Authority, will work with the Friends of Little Saigon and other community members in Little  
9 Saigon to explore the feasibility of developing a mixed-use project that may include low-income  
10 housing, affordable commercial space, and a Vietnamese cultural center. This development will  
11 be a complicated project. The City expects the Friends of Little Saigon to obtain the assistance of  
12 an experienced real estate development organization with demonstrated success working with the  
13 Vietnamese community and business owners, in order to proceed with planning for a project.

14 The City does not commit at this time to provide funding for this project. However, the City will  
15 assist the Friends of Little Saigon and other community members to identify and pursue potential  
16 funding from Federal, State and local sources (including public and private sources) that could  
17 finance a portion of the land acquisition and/or construction costs of this project. The Office of  
18 Housing shall, in cooperation with other appropriate City departments, provide a report to the City  
19 Council when the feasibility work regarding the mixed-use project is completed.

20 Adopted by the City Council the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012, and  
21 signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
22 of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

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24 President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

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THE MAYOR CONCURRING:

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Michael McGinn, Mayor

Filed by me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

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Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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