

A panoramic view of the Seattle skyline featuring the Space Needle, various skyscrapers, and Mount Rainier in the background under a clear blue sky.

# Overview of Design Review Program

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# SDCI PURPOSE AND VALUES

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## Our Purpose

Helping people build a safe, livable, and inclusive Seattle.

## Our Values

- Equity
- Respect
- Quality
- Integrity
- Service

# DESIGN REVIEW PROGRAM PURPOSE

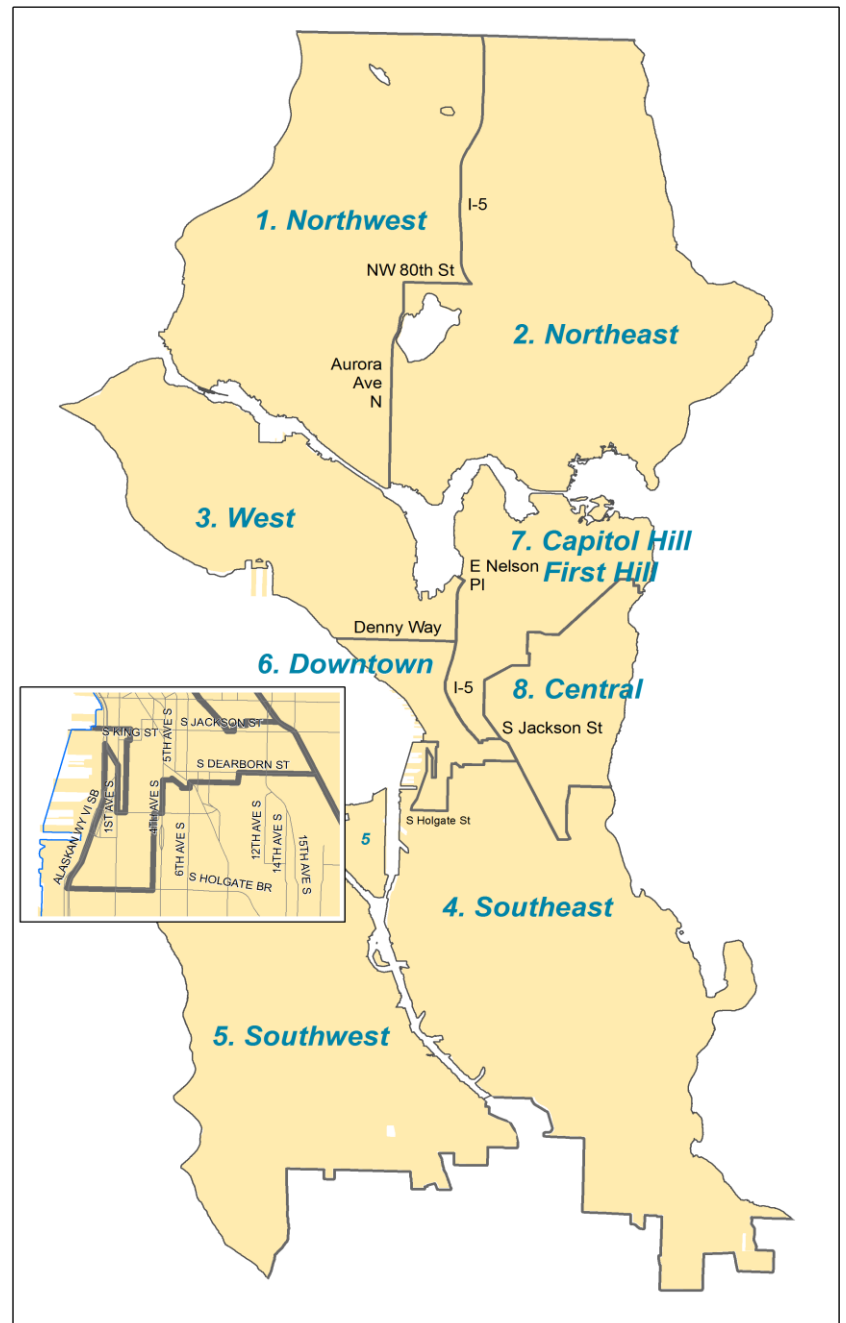
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- Encourage better design and site planning to ensure new development sensitively fits into neighborhoods.
- Provide flexibility in the application of development standards to better meet the intent of the Land Use Code.
- Improve communication and understanding among developers, neighborhoods and the City.



# DESIGN REVIEW BOARDS

- Board Members are volunteers appointed by Mayor and Council for 2-year terms
- Each Board meets up to two times/month in the evenings
- Duties include:
  - Synthesizing community input
  - Providing early design guidance
  - Recommending conditions of approval to SDCI, if needed to meet Design Guidelines
  - Ensuring fair and consistent application of Design Guidelines



# QUESTIONS?

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