



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: *Huy Pham*

Board or Commission Name: *International Special Review District Board*

Position Title: *Position 6 - Appointed*

☒ **Appointment** ☐ **Reappointment**

***Term of Position:** *1/1/2026 to 12/31/2027*

☒ *Serving partial term (eligible for full terms thereafter)*

Appointing Authority: ☐ City Council ☒ Mayor ☐ Other: *Insert Appointing Authority*

City Council Confirmation Required? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Residential Neighborhood: N/A

Appointee brief overview:

Huy Pham is the Executive Director of Asian and Pacific Islanders in Historic Preservation (APIAHIP), based out of Seattle. He has a B.A. in Architecture and an M.S. in Historic Preservation and Communication Studies. He previously worked for the City of San Antonio's Office of Historic Preservation and currently serves on the King County Landmarks Commission, the Executive Committee of the Friends of Little Saigon Board and 4Culture's Historic Preservation Advisory Committee. Huy aims to apply his expertise by giving back to the local community. He has experience applying policy tools to design proposals and understands the value of a preservation board in helping to guide the future of the community.

Appointing Authority Signature:

Date Signed: *5/13/23*

Appointing Authority Printed Name and Title:

Katie B. Wilson
Mayor of Seattle

Huy Pham

Ball State University, IN:

MS Historic Preservation

MA Communication Studies

BS Architecture, History

With over 10 years of experience in historic preservation and advocacy, I have a proven record of success in managing and administering place-based advocacy campaigns, grant programs, educational outreach, regulatory review, special events, and digital media production. I have worked with government agencies, nonprofit organizations, community groups, and policymakers to apply a progressive preservation ethic to their work at the local, state, and national levels. I am dedicated to making preservation more accessible and engaging to a diverse audience and committed to promoting sound preservation policy and programs as an equitable socioeconomic and environmental imperative.

EXPERIENCE

Asian & Pacific Islander Americans in Historic Preservation (APIAHiP), Executive Director, 2023-Current

I serve as the first full-time Executive Director and will continue to define the role by working closely with the Board of Directors to develop a vision for the organization that advances APIAHiP's mission to protect historic places and cultural resources significant to Asian and Pacific Islander Americans, including:

- cultivating an information-sharing network to connect and support local communities and their historic preservation efforts
- offering educational programs and strategic or technical services that enable communities to preserve their heritage through a place-based ethic
- advocating to increase public and private resources and lower barriers for historic preservation at local, state, and national levels

Washington Trust for Historic Preservation, Preservation Programs Director, 2021-2023

I served as the organization's main point-of-contact & management of all place-based advocacy programs:

- Most Endangered Places and advocacy campaigns
- 4 state, 3 internal, and 1 federal grant program (\$4+ million across 80+ contracts)
- Youth Heritage Project, annual high school student summer camp with NPS
- RevisitWA, virtual highway and heritage tours platform
- WA State and Federal policy tracking and advocacy
- Local, State, and Federal consultation on projects related to historic and cultural resources.
- Develop, plan, & support special events, educational outreach programs, & digital media production to make preservation more accessible & engaging to a statewide audience

City of San Antonio, Office of Historic Preservation, Historic Preservation Specialist, 2017-2021

- Assist applicants through the local design review process (1200+ applications across 4 years)
- Produce recommendation reports for historic resources to the local commission
- Conduct in-person and virtual public hearings, subcommittee meetings, and site visits
- Respond to citizen reports, conduct investigations, and develop proactive programs regarding violations of local regulations
- Coordinate with other departments and wireless providers in the deployment of 5G technology
- Develop, plan, and support special events, educational outreach programs, and digital media
- Recommend and develop programmatic and procedural innovations to department leadership

SERVICE

Preservation Action (501c4) - Board Member (2017-), Executive Committee (2021-2026)

Preservation Action Foundation (501c3) - Secretary (2020-21), Chair (2022-2026)

Asian & Pacific Islander Americans in Historic Preservation (APIAHiP) - Board Member, (2020-2023)

Friends of Little Saigon, Seattle - Board Member (2022-), Treasurer (2023), Vice Chair (2026)

King County Landmarks Commission – Historic Preservation, At-Large Seat (2023-)

4Culture of King County – Historic Preservation Advisory Committee (2022-)

Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience – AANHPI Task Force (2022-2024)

INTERNATIONAL SPECIAL REVIEW DISTRICT

7 members: Per *Ordinance 112134*, *SMC 23.66.020*, and *SMC 23.66.312*, two of which are subject to City Council confirmation, 2-year terms:

- 2 Mayor-appointed
- 5 Other Appointing Authority-appointed: Special Review District election

All residents, persons who operate businesses, their employees, and property owners of the special review district shall be eligible to vote. The five (5) elected members of the Board shall consist of:

- Two (2) members who own property in the International District, or who own or are employed by businesses located in the International District
- Two (2) members who are either residents (including tenants), or persons with a recognized and demonstrated interest in the welfare of the International District Community
- One (1) member at large

Roster as of [insert date]

Position Number	Position Title	Appointee Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	*Term Number	Appointed By
1	Property owner in the International District, or own or are employed by businesses located in the International District	Hyan Ho	12/1/25	11/30/27	1	Special Review District
2	Resident, or person with a recognized and demonstrated interest in the welfare of the International District Community	Zhiyun Zhu	12/1/25	11/30/27	1	Special Review District
3	Property owner in the International District, or own or are employed by businesses located in the International District	Jade Yan	12/1/24	11/30/26	1	Special Review District
4	Resident, or person with a recognized and demonstrated interest in the welfare of the International District Community	Kyle Jacobson	12/1/25	11/30/27	2	Special Review District
5	At-Large	Samantha Wong	12/1/25	11/30/27	2	Special Review District
6	Architect	Huy Pham	1/1/26	12/31/27	1	Mayor
7	Architect	Heather Hargesheimer	1/1/25	12/31/26	2	Mayor

Self-identified diversity chart

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Appointing Authority	Male	Female	Transgender	Non-Binary	N/A	Asian	Black/African American	American Indian/Alaska Native	White/non-Hispanic	Hispanic/Latinx	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multi-racial	N/A
Mayor	1	1				1			1					
Council														
Other	2	2		1		4			1					
Total						5			2					

City Council districts represented

Council District	District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5	District 6	District 7	N/A
Total	1	2				1	2	1

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