



Seattle Chinatown
International District
Preservation and
Development Authority

SCIDpda Charter Revision Announcement

The SCIDpda is revising its Charter. The Charter, written by the City of Seattle, created the SCIDpda and defines its rights and responsibilities. This is the first major revision of the Charter since 1985.

This charter revision:

- Dissolves the Constituency Requirement—most Seattle PDAs had a constituency requirement. The SCIDpda's constituency was defined as all persons 16+ years of age who are residents, property owners, employees, business persons or community participants in the neighborhood who would pay dues to the SCIDpda annually.

We have not had a constituency in 10 years. Neighborhood constituents have other ways to participate in the neighborhood. Neighborhood participants are still desired on the SCIDpda Council, and we continue to seek Council members that represent the wide spectrum of those associated with the neighborhood. Those that are interested in serving the SCIDpda should contact SCIDpda senior staff, current SCIDpda Council member, or the Mayor.

The four Constituency seats on the Council would convert to SCIDpda Council appointments, while the four Mayoral appointments would remain unchanged.

- Clarifies the role of Council as a governance board.
- Lowers minimum number of members from 12 to nine; changes member terms from four-year terms to three-year terms; and changes a two-term maximum to a three-term maximum. Changes "Council" to "Board".
- Clarifies the types of development the organization participates in (not only housing) and clarifies that we can choose to work outside the neighborhood.
- Eliminates “nuts and bolts” language of council selection and confirmation (to be covered in the Rules and Regulations) and language specific to the time of organizational creation –“initial officers”, etc.

To see a copy of the amendments, please come to the SCIDpda Main Office during regular business hours:
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Comments accepted through 1/14/2016 at the Main Office.

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