

# International Special Review District Records, 1973-2002

## Overview of the Collection

<b>Creator</b>	Seattle (Wash.). Office of Urban Conservation
<b>Title</b>	International Special Review District Records
<b>Dates</b>	1973-2002 (inclusive) 1973 2002
<b>Quantity</b>	5.6 cubic feet, (14 boxes)
<b>Collection Number</b>	5754-C
<b>Summary</b>	Minutes, correspondence, reports, memos, and other materials related to the International Special Review District and its oversight board.
<b>Repository</b>	<a href="#">Seattle Municipal Archives</a> Seattle Municipal Archives Office of the City Clerk City of Seattle PO Box 94728 98124-4728 Seattle, WA Telephone: 206-233-7807 Fax: 206-386-9025 <a href="mailto:archives@seattle.gov">archives@seattle.gov</a>
<b>Access Restrictions</b>	Records are open to the public.
<b>Languages</b>	English

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## Historical Note

The Office of Urban Conservation was created in 1975 as part of the Department of Community Development (DCD). It was founded in an era of citizen protests against a proposed urban renewal program that would have demolished Pioneer Square and Pike Place Market. The office's mandate was to coordinate Seattle's historic preservation programs and administer the city's landmark boards and historic districts. When DCD was abolished in 1992, the office became the Historic Preservation Program in the Department of Neighborhoods.

The International Special Review District was created by the City Council in 1973 in order to preserve the neighborhood's unique Asian-American character. It was the only area in the continental United States where Japanese, Chinese, Filipinos, Vietnamese, and African Americans combined to build one neighborhood. The District contains early 20th-century hotels and commercial buildings, and part of the area is listed on the National Register. One focus of the Board in the 1970s was to encourage development of housing and pedestrian-friendly businesses, which was of special concern with the construction of the Kingdome just west of the neighborhood. The Office of Urban Conservation, and later the Historic Preservation Program, provided staffing to the board.

# Content Description

Minutes, correspondence, reports, memos, and other materials related to the International Special Review District. Series are described more fully below.

## Use of the Collection

### Preferred Citation

[Item and date], [Title of collection], Record Series 5754-C[X]. Box [number], Folder [number]. Seattle Municipal Archives.

## Administrative Information

### Arrangement

The International Special Review District Records are arranged into two series:

5754-C1: International Special Review District Board Minutes, 1974-1995

5754-C2: International Special Review District Subject Files, 1973-2002

### Separated Materials

Publications were pulled from the collection and are cataloged separately in the Published Documents Index.

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection.

### 5754-C1: International Special Review District Board Minutes, 1974-1995

2.0 cubic feet , (5 boxes)

Minutes and agendas documenting regular and special meetings of the International Special Review District Board. The minutes report on issues discussed, tasks assigned, and actions taken, and include lists of board members and Office of Urban Conservation staff present. Subjects include building construction, modification and signage; parking issues; METRO bus shelters and other facilities; Union Station development, and I-90 access modifications.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		

<b>Container(s)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
1/1	ISRDB Minutes (Jan.-June)	1974
1/2	ISRDB Minutes (July-Dec.)	1974
1/3	ISRDB Minutes (Jan.-June)	1975
1/4	ISRDB Minutes (July-Dec.)	1975
1/5	ISRDB Minutes (Jan.-June)	1976
1/6	ISRDB Minutes (July-Dec.)	1976
1/7	ISRDB Minutes (Jan.-June)	1977
1/8	ISRDB Minutes (July-Dec.)	1977
1/9	ISRDB Minutes (Jan.-June)	1978
1/10	ISRDB Minutes (July-Dec.)	1978
2/1	ISRDB Minutes	1979
2/2	ISRDB Minutes (Jan.-June)	1980
2/3	ISRDB Minutes (July-Dec.)	1980
2/4	ISRDB Minutes	1981
2/5	ISRDB Minutes	1982
2/6	ISRDB Minutes	1983
2/7	ISRDB Minutes	1984
2/8	ISRDB Minutes	1985
2/9	ISRDB Minutes (Jan.-June)	1986
3/1	ISRDB Minutes (July-Dec.)	1986
3/2	ISRDB Minutes	1987

<b>Container(s)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
3/3	ISRDB Minutes	1988
3/4	ISRDB Minutes	1989
3/5	ISRDB Minutes	1990
3/6	ISRDB Minutes (Jan.-June)	1991
3/7	ISRDB Minutes (July-Dec.)	1991
3/8	ISRDB Minutes (Jan.-June)	1992
3/9	ISRDB Minutes (July-Dec.)	1992
3/10	ISRDB Minutes (Jan.-June)	1993
3/11	ISRDB Minutes (July-Dec.)	1993
3/12	ISRDB Minutes (Jan.-June)	1994
4/1	ISRDB Minutes (July-Dec.)	1994
4/2	ISRDB Minutes (Jan.-May)	1995
4/3	ISRDB Minutes (June-Dec.)	1995
4/4	ISRDB Agendas (Jan.-June)	1974
4/5	ISRDB Agendas (July-Sept.)	1974
4/6	ISRDB Agendas (Oct.-Dec.)	1974
4/7	ISRDB Agendas (Jan.-June)	1975
4/8	ISRDB Agendas (July-Dec.)	1975
4/9	ISRDB Agendas	1976
4/10	ISRDB Agendas	1977
4/11	ISRDB Agendas	1978

Container(s)	Description	Dates
4/12	ISRDB Agendas	1979
4/13	ISRDB Agendas	1980
5/1	ISRDB Agendas	1981
5/2	ISRDB Agendas	1982
5/3	ISRDB Agendas	1983
5/4	ISRDB Agendas	1984
5/5	ISRDB Agendas	1985
5/6	ISRDB Agendas	1986
5/7	ISRDB Agendas	1987
5/8	ISRDB Agendas	1988
5/9	ISRDB Agendas	1989
5/10	ISRDB Agendas	1990
5/11	ISRDB Agendas	1991
5/12	ISRDB Agendas	1992
5/13	ISRDB Agendas	1993
5/14	ISRDB Agendas	1994
5/15	ISRDB Agendas	1995

## 5754-C2: International Special Review District Subject Files, 1973-2002

3.6 cubic feet , (9 boxes)

Correspondence, memos, clippings, and other materials relating to issues affecting the District. Many of the records deal with METRO transit projects, including bus shelters, transit bases, and bus zones. Another significant portion of materials relate to I-90 access ramps and transit plans, including some high-quality aerial photos. Other topics covered in the collection include Union Station, the installation of banners in the neighborhood, City Light utility issues, neighborhood concerns with liquor licenses, and elections for the International Special Review District Board.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
8/1	Banner Project	1989-1994
1/1	Banners	1979
1/2	Banners	1979
1/3	Banners	1979
1/4	Banners	1980
1/5	Banners	1980
1/6	Banners	1980
1/7	Board Elections	1973
1/8	Board Elections	1974
1/9	Board Elections	1977-1982
1/10	Board Elections	1983
1/11	Board Elections	1985
1/12	Board Elections	1986
1/13	Board Elections	1987
1/14	Board Elections	1988
1/15	Board Elections	1989
1/16	Board Elections	1990
1/17	Board Elections	1991
1/18	Board Elections	1992
1/19	Board Elections	1993

<b>Container(s)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
1/20	Board Elections	1994
1/21	Board Elections	1995
1/22	Board Elections	1996
1/23	Board Elections	1997
8/2	Board Elections	1998
8/3	Board Elections	1999
8/4	Board Elections	2000
8/5	Board Elections	2001
8/6	Board Elections	2002
2/1	Briefing Packets / Tours	1981-1991
2/2	Bush Hotel	1977
8/7	Chew-Lun Benevolent Association	1992
2/3	City Light - Utilities	1982-1983
2/4	City Light - Utilities	1983-1984
2/5	City Light - Utilities, Undergrounding	1980-1981
2/6	City Light - Utilities, Undergrounding, Plans	1983
2/7	City Light - Utilities, Undergrounding, Plans	1983
2/8	Comprehensive Plan	1993-1997
2/9	Correspondence and Memos	1980-1981
2/10	International District Investment Guide	1989-1990
2/11	Interstate 90 - Added Access Ramps	1980

<b>Container(s)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
2/12	Interstate 90 - Added Access Ramps	1982
3/1	Interstate 90 - Added Access Ramps	1983
3/2	Interstate 90 - Added Access Ramps	1986
3/3	Interstate 90 - Added Access Ramps	1988-1990
3/4	Interstate 90 - Added Access Ramps	1991-1992
3/5	Interstate 90 - Added Access Ramps, Photos	1987
3/7	Interstate 90 - Transit Access	1979
3/8	Interstate 90 - Transit Access	1979-1981
3/9	Interstate 90 - Transit Access, News Clippings	1979-1981
3/6	Interstate 90 - 10th Avenue S. Reconnection	1985-1990
3/10	Kingdome	1990
3/11	Kingdome	1991
3/12	Kingdome	1991
3/13	Kingdome	1992-1993
3/14	Kingdome	1993-1996
4/1	Kumata Report	1973-1975
4/2	Land Use and Transportation Project - Downtown Plan	1983
4/3	Land Use and Transportation Project - Downtown Plan	1983-1984
4/4	Land Use and Transportation Project - Downtown Plan, Comments	1982
4/5	Land Use and Transportation Project - Downtown Plan, Comments	1982



<b>Container(s)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
4/6	Land Use and Transportation Project - International District Companion Document	1981-1983
4/7	Land Use and Transportation Project - International District Companion Document	1983-1984
4/8	Land Use Survey	1982
4/9	Liquor Licenses	1983-1990
4/10	Liquor Licenses	1983-1990
4/11	Liquor Licenses	1983-1990
4/12	Liquor Licenses	1983-1990
4/13	Liquor Licenses	1983-1990
4/14	Liquor Licenses	1983-1990
4/15	Mayor's Forum	1987
4/16	METRO - Board Concerns	1985-1992
4/17	METRO - Bus Shelters	1975-1976
5/1	METRO - Central Operating Base Expansion	1983
5/2	METRO - Dearborn Base	1975
5/3	METRO - Dearborn Base	1977
5/4	METRO - Dearborn Base	1977
5/5	METRO - Dearborn Base	1977
5/6	METRO - Dearborn Base	1978-1980
5/7	METRO - Dearborn Base	1981-1982
5/8	METRO - Dearborn Base	1989-1990

<b>Container(s)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
5/9	METRO - Downtown Seattle Transit Project	1983-1985
5/10	METRO - Downtown Seattle Transit Project	1986-1987
5/11	METRO - Downtown Seattle Transit Project, Noise Variance	1985-1986
5/12	METRO - Downtown Seattle Transit Project, Union Station	1983-1985
5/13	METRO - Downtown Seattle Transit Project, Union Station	1986
5/14	METRO - Fifth Avenue S. Bus Zone	1990
5/15	METRO - Fifth Avenue S. Improvements	1983-1986
5/16	METRO - Fifth Avenue S. Improvements	1987
5/17	METRO - Fifth Avenue S. Improvements	1989-1990
6/1	METRO - Fourth and Jackson Transit Shelter	1983-1984
6/2	METRO - Jackson Street Bus Zones	1978
6/3	METRO - Ryerson Base	1982
6/4	METRO - Transit Layover	1985
6/5	METRO - Transit Layover	1986
6/6	METRO - Transit Layover, Time-Lapse Counts	1985
6/7	METRO - Waterfront Trolley	1985-1986
6/8	METRO - Waterfront Trolley	1987
6/9	METRO - Waterfront Trolley	1989
6/10	METRO - Waterfront Trolley	1990-1992
6/11	METRO - Waterfront Trolley	1993
6/12	METRO - Waterfront Trolley, Photos	1990-1992

<b>Container(s)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
6/13	Neighborhood Commercial Policies	1984-1985
6/14	Neighborhood Commercial Policies	1984-1985
6/15	Neighborhood Strategy Area Program (HUD)	1979-1981
6/16	Neighborhood Strategy Area Program (HUD) - Application	1978
6/17	Parking Study	1979-1980
6/18	Parking Study	1979-1980
7/1	Parking Study	1979-1981
7/2	Parking Study - Photos	1980
7/3	Reynolds Hotel	1980-1981
7/4	Reynolds Hotel - Alternatives (includes photos)	1980
7/5	Sonics Arena	1988-1991
7/6	South Downtown Transportation Study	1994
7/7	South Downtown Transportation Study	1994
7/8	South Downtown Transportation Study	1995-1997
7/9	South Downtown Transportation Study - Parking Survey Results	1994
7/10	Stardome	1993-1994
8/8	Summit Communications	1989-1990
8/9	Union Station - Aldus Corporation	1991-1992
8/10	Union Station - Planned Community Development	1989
9/1	Union Station - Planned Community Development	1989-1990
9/2	Union Station - Planned Community Development	1995

Container(s)	Description	Dates
9/3	Union Station - Planned Community Development	1995-1998
9/4	Union Station - Planned Community Development - Plans	1986
9/5	Union Station - Property Use and Development Agreement	1989
9/6	Union Station - South Parking Garage	1998
9/7	Union Station - Transportation Management Plan	1998
9/8	Utility Vaults	1995-1996
9/9	Washington Natural Gas	1996-1997
9/10	Weekend Market	1992-1993

## Names and Subjects

### Subject Terms :

Asian American business enterprises--Washington (State)--Seattle

Historic buildings--Washington (State)--Seattle

Historic preservation--Washington (State)--Seattle

Transportation planning--Washington (State)--Seattle

### Corporate Names :

Seattle (Wash.). Office of Urban Conservation

International Special Review District Board

### Geographical Names :

International District (Seattle, Wash.)

Seattle (Wash.)

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