



The City of Seattle

## International Special Review District

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ISRD 62/26  
Meeting of 04.28.26

### Staff Report

Board Members Please Note: The citations from the District Ordinance, International Special Review District Design Guidelines, and Secretary of the Interior's Standards listed below are for your consideration in addition to any other citations you find relevant in considering each application.

**Address:** 600 5<sup>th</sup> Ave S. – Uwajimaya Village

**Record #:** DONH-COA-01735

**Applicant Representatives:** Aleisha Hicks, Blanton Turner

**Design and Signs:** Proposed painting of a mural on the face of the building on either side of the entry to the Food Hall at 5th Ave S. and S. Weller St. and installation of window graphics, including signage, on the exterior of the storefront windows on all four sides of the building.

**Additional information:** The Weller Street façade is located within the Asian Design Character District and Retail Core overlay.

**Staff comments:** Ideally, window decal signage is installed on the interior of the storefront window. Staff asked the applicants to consider alternatives to placement on the exterior. There has been a proliferation of non-compliant advertising window film placed on window exteriors without approval in the District. Staff is concerned that the placement of the window film on the Weller Street façade is not responsive with Storefront Design Guideline II. F. which states: *"All glass and window areas shall be clear. Mirrored glass is not permitted in the district."*

When preparing a motion, the Board shall consider the **following applicable sections of the International Special Review District Ordinance and relevant Standards:**

### Seattle Municipal Code (SMC)

SMC 23.66.030 – Certificates of Approval – application, review and appeals

SMC 23.66.336 – Exterior building finishes

- A. General requirements.
- B. Asian Design Character District (*applies to the Weller St. façade*)
  4. Transparency Requirement

- C. Exterior building design outside of the Asian Design Character District (*applies to the non-Weller Street facades*)

SMC 23.66.338 – Signs

**ISRD Design Guidelines for Awnings and Canopies, Façade Alterations, Security and Signs**

**II. Storefront and Building Design Guidelines**

Sections A.-G.

**Design Guidelines for Signs**

**II. Design Guidelines**

- A. Buildings with Multiple Tenants

**Secretary of the Interior’s Standards**

**9.** New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.

**10.** New additions and adjacent or related new construction shall be undertaken in such a manner that if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.