

The increased pollution will likely include diesel particulate matter associated with the increased train traffic/coal dust, mercury and other heavy metal pollution from open-pit coal trains, and acid rain to degrade historic and non-historic buildings and structures in the CID.

The CID was established in 1973 as a Historic District under Seattle City Ordinance in order to preserve the District's unique Asian American character and to encourage rehabilitation of areas for housing and pedestrian-oriented businesses. The CID's boundaries include: on the north include Yesler Street, the I-5 Corridor and Jackson street, to the west 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, to the south Charles street and Dearborn and to the east, 12<sup>th</sup> Street. It holds a collection of early 20<sup>th</sup> century commercial and hotel buildings that serves as the center of Seattle's diverse Asian American community. The Seattle Chinatown National Register Historic District is located within the International Special Review District. Its listing on the National Register testifies to the important contributions of the Chinatown International District area on a national level.

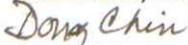
Given the likely serious and tangible threat to the historic preservation of the CID buildings and structures, we strongly advocate for the NEPA and SEPA team to:

- Include a Section 106 historic buildings and neighborhoods review to prevent the likely disastrous effects of degrading and ruining the CID historic buildings, and
- Partner with our organizations in implementing the historic impact assessment.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide input into the EIS review scope. We look forward to the inclusion of our concerns in the NEPA/SEPA review process and partnering with you on the assessment effort. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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