**MISSION**

The mission of the Friends of Little Saigon is to preserve and enhance Little Saigon’s cultural, economic, and historic vitality.

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**ABOUT**

Friends of Little Saigon is a grassroots community development organization launched in January 2011 and composed of small business owners and community stakeholders. Our programs focus on community organizing and advocacy, economic development, and cultural preservation.

**VISION**

Little Saigon is the hub of the Vietnamese American community where all families and businesses are thriving.
ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES
Provided support to 17 small businesses with relocation, leasing, and/or business planning.

Updated the Landmark Vision to include a multi-phase approach to supporting economic vitality for small businesses and development of a Cultural Center.

PRESERVING CULTURE
Celebrated Vietnamese culture and community through gatherings such as Tet and Celebrate Little Saigon Festi-Roll!

Planning and designing a new park in Little Saigon!

Established Phase I of the Landmark Vision, which includes identifying a site for a Little Saigon Cultural Gathering Space. Design and capital improvements will begin in early 2019. This space will house FLS’s programs and will be open to the community for meetings and events.

ADVOCACY & ORGANIZING
Coalition Building & Partnerships:
Communities of Opportunity, Race & Social Equity Taskforce, Chinatown ID Public Safety Council, Chinatown ID Homeless Coordination, MDAR Advisory Committee, Viets Who Give a Shiet Advisory Team, Equitable Development Initiative Interim Advisory Board.

Advocated for equity and affordability in new developments through affirmative marketing, anti-displacement priorities, and financial assistance resources for residents and small businesses.
FUNDERS & PARTNERS
City of Seattle Office of Planning & Community Development, Equitable Development Initiative, Office of Arts & Culture, Office of Economic Development
Chinatown International District Business Improvement Area (CIDBIA)
Communities of Opportunity
Intracorp Development
King County
Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC)
Seattle Foundation
Seattle Chinatown International District Preservation & Development Authority (SCIDpda)
Thai Binh Apartments
Wing Luke Museum
Yesler Community Collaborative

2018 OPERATING BUDGET
$125,153

2018 GRANT AWARDS
Equitable Development Initiative Fund - $75,000
Communities of Opportunity Policy & Systems Change - $25,000
LISC HUD Section 4 - $14,800
Office of Arts & Culture Cultural Facilities Grant - $65,000

CAPACITY BUILDING
Our Executive Director was recognized with the Tatsuo Nakata Leadership Award.
Hired 2 new staff to support programming!
Welcome Lien & Angela.
Brought on four new board members: Valerie, Teizi, Josh, and Steve!
SMALL BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

Pho Bac Sup Shop – Since their opening in January, Sup Shop has become a community hot spot for gathering. Now featured in over 10 magazines and articles, Sup Shop is definitely a model for the future of Little Saigon’s commercial corridor.

Hue Ky Mi Gia – Finished renovations and the family business is expanding into new visions with the opening of Lan Hue and Mr. Saigon.

BUSINESS ANNIVERSARIES
Viêt Wah 38 years
Pho Bac 37 years
Kim Ngoc 34 years
Lam’s Seafood 27 years
Helping Link 25 years

2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Valerie Tran, BDS Urban Planning & Design
Yenvy Pham, Pho Bac
Stephen Scheele, VanNess Feldman LLP
Tam Nguyen, Tamarind Tree
Tam Dinh, Saint Martin’s University
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