

Biography for Hyeok Kim, Executive Director of InterIm CDA



Hyeok Kim is the Executive Director of InterIm Community Development Association (InterIm CDA), a nonprofit community development corporation in Seattle that works to promote and revitalize the Chinatown/International District, as well as other Asian and Pacific Islander (API) communities in the region.

For 40 years, InterIm CDA has built or renovated affordable and mixed-use development housing projects, led neighborhood planning initiatives, promoted community-building activities, and influenced public policy to benefit the API community. It also manages the Danny Woo International District Community Garden and several community parking lots in the neighborhood. To date, InterIm CDA has directly built or renovated 303 units of affordable housing, and has consulted or assisted in the development of an additional 195 units of affordable housing, all to serve the housing needs of the region's low-income families.

Prior to joining InterIm CDA in May 2008, Hyeok served as a senior policy analyst for Speaker of the House Frank Chopp and the House Democratic Caucus in the Washington State Legislature. She worked seven years for the House Democratic Caucus staffing affordable housing, human services, foster care, welfare, and workforce development issues. She began her career in politics as Legislative Assistant to State Representative Sharon Tomiko Santos (37th District, Seattle). Hyeok also has worked as a lobbyist for the Children's Alliance, a statewide advocacy organization, and as a community relations supervisor for the Children's Administration of the Department of Social and Health Services.

Over the past decade, Hyeok has volunteered in the community and in electoral politics. Some of Hyeok's current volunteer activities include serving as Board Secretary for the Housing Development Consortium of Seattle/King County and as a member of the Board of Directors for the Public Facilities District, a statewide commission that provides management oversight over Safeco Field in Seattle. She has also participated in various organizing efforts to increase the participation of API communities in civic life. For her activism and leadership, Hyeok was named a "2008 Top Contributor to the Asian Community" by the *Northwest Asian Weekly* on December 5, 2008.

Hyeok is a graduate of Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva, New York. She was born in Seoul, South Korea, and immigrated with her family to the United States at the age of five. She grew up in the Pacific Northwest where she and her family lived for a number of years in publicly-subsidized housing.