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The Interim Community Development Association (ICDA) is pleased to announce the hiring of Elaine Ikoma Ko as its Executive Director, effective March 15, 2006. ICDA or 'Inter\*Im', based in Seattle's International District (ID), is a comprehensive community development corporation responsible for promoting, advocating for, and revitalizing the International District and other Asian Pacific communities in the Puget Sound region.

Elaine is currently the Operations Director for ICDA and has worked for ICDA since 2002. Prior to working for ICDA, Elaine had been a Regional Manager and Vice President for Primerica. She was Director of the City of Seattle's Office for Women's Rights between 1991-1994. Elaine had also served as Coordinator for the King County's Women's Program. She was the founding Director of the International District Housing Alliance during the late 1970's and early 1980's and was hired by Inter\*Im back in 1975.

Ms. Ko's volunteer involvement includes the Leadership Tomorrow Alumni Leadership Committee, founding group member of the Asia Pacific Islander Roundtable, volunteer at Union Gospel Mission's Women & Family Shelter, and active in her church. She has a B.A. in communications from the University of Washington and a Masters in Business Administration from City University.

"Our organization is very pleased to have Elaine as our new leader," stated ICDA Board President Curtis McGuire. "Elaine brings a long history of community leadership and involvement in the ID having worked at Inter\*Im in the 1970's and 1980's and we look forward to her carrying on the rich legacy of leadership of Bob Santos."

Elaine succeeds Bob Santos, former Inter\*Im Executive Director, who is retiring after many years of community leadership in the ID and Asian community.

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