



November 15, 2021

Dear Valued Downtown Spokane Business or Property Owner:

We are pleased to share with you, that the Downtown Spokane Business Improvement District (BID) has three (3) opening on our board beginning in 2022, and the Ratepayer Advisory Board (RAB) is currently seeking interested persons to fill these important positions. We would be grateful for your consideration to serve in this important role.

The RAB provides advisory input to the Downtown Spokane Partnership (DSP) and Spokane City Council on the annual management plan and budget, and occasionally hears appeals brought forward by ratepayers contesting their annual assessment. The Board engages on the organizational priorities of downtown safety, cleanliness, economic development, transportation, events and placemaking, and the marketing and promotion of downtown as the premier destination for urban living, working and playing in the intermountain northwest.

All Ratepayers in good standing are encouraged to apply for consideration. The RAB is committed to expanding its diversity in representation of the community in all areas, including age, ethnicity, gender, background and experiences and is seeking talented and engaged leaders committed to our mission. Your expertise and participation can help guide staff in continuing to provide a high level of service as downtown continues to recover from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Ratepayer Advisory Board represents a wide array of business and community interests within the BID, with designated positions for various areas of expertise.

The following Board seats are open as of 2022 (see map for reference):

- Professional 1 (finance experience preferred)
- Large Business (more than twenty-five employees)
- Small Business (up to twenty-five employees)

The BID Board meets from 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM on the fourth Wednesday of each month excluding January and August, unless otherwise designated, i.e. during holidays. Occasional other meetings are held as needed, such as a Board retreat and Board members are encouraged to engage with their peers and to participate in downtown activities and events as well.

Please consider submitting your application no later than Friday, November 26, 2021. The Nominating Committee will then review all applicants and recommend a slate of candidates to the BID Board. The slate and any other nominees will be voted on at the Downtown Spokane Annual Meeting of the BID in February 2022.

Should you have any questions, please contact Brenda Nelson at 509-456-0580, or bnelson@downtownspokane.org.

Sincerely,

Mark Howard
BID Ratepayer Advisory Board Secretary

Mark Richard
DSP President and CEO



**DOWNTOWN SPOKANE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
Ratepayer Advisory Board
2022 Board Application**

Note: You must be a Ratepayer (or Ratepayer's Designee) in good standing in order to apply and be elected. A 'Designee' application requires a Ratepayer authorized signature.

Applicant Name: _____

Ratepayer (company, business, etc.): _____

Business Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Cell Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Positions Interested In (please check all that apply) (See BID Map for Zones):

- Professional 1 (finance experience preferred)**
- Large Business (more than twenty-five employees)**
- Small Business (up to twenty-five employees)**

Please answer the following questions as completely as possible. Feel free to attach additional sheets if necessary.

1. Why do you seek this position?

2. What other committees or boards do you currently serve on?

3. What committee or board experience have you had in the past?

4. What leadership experience could you bring to the BID Ratepayer Advisory Board?

5. What do you feel you can contribute to the community that may not be evident from information already furnished on this application?

6. In your opinion, what are the top two priorities effecting downtown that the RAB should be focusing on in 2022 and beyond?

7. Would your appointment to this position create a conflict of interest or an appearance of conflict of interest?

8. Based on your understanding of the responsibilities of the Ratepayer Advisory Board, how much time are you willing to devote to the BID?

BID Ratepayer Signature

Date

Downtown Spokane Partnership

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