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## Kirkland needs 4 for design-review board

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Kirkland is recruiting for its Design Review Board after four of seven members quit.

Three of the departing board members resigned over a proposed five-story development in the heart of the city at Kirkland Avenue and Lake Street South. A Bank of America building now occupies the site.

Last December, after the design board approved the building, a proposal by SRM Development of Seattle, an appeal was filed by a community group, Citizens for a Vibrant Kirkland (CiViK).

The appeal said the SRM proposal violated the two-story height limit along Lake Street South.

On May 6, the City Council sided with CiViK.

"I am running the gamut of emotions — shock, anger, frustration and am literally sick to my stomach," board member H. Todd Kilburn wrote to the City Council. Kilburn, an architect, resigned May 7 along with Stephen Cox and Phyllis Warman. Another board member, Jeff Bates, had resigned April 17 for personal reasons.

The city is accepting applications for the four board positions until June 6. Applicants must be adults with professional expertise in design, building or related fields. Information is available on the city Internet site ([www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/home.htm](http://www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/home.htm)) or at City Hall. The positions are unpaid.

Meanwhile, the future of the bank property remains in flux.

On Tuesday, the City Council delayed a vote on a resolution to confirm its earlier decision. The measure would have concluded that the SRM proposal did not contain "superior retail space" and didn't meet requirements for a two-story building along Lake Street South.

Councilman Dave Asher moved to table the resolution until June 3, partly to allow the City Council to reconsider its decision in light of a request by SRM to be allowed to submit a modified design.

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