

# Seattle Was My Destiny

Saeko has lived in Seattle for almost ten years. She is a US green card holder by way of American Life's EB-5 immigrant investor program.

She considered immigrating to the US for her son's education, and she thought the best place to live would be Seattle, WA because it was known for its high-level education. Originally, her idea was to apply for a student visa for both her and her son. When she visited Seattle for preliminary inspections, without thinking, she stopped by a bookstore.

One book she picked up was about the EB-5 immigration program, "Invest to Emigrate", by Henry G. Liebman; the president of American Life Inc.

The next day, her friend introduced her to a lawyer and who also ran a real estate investment company. During the conversation, she incidentally mentioned her immigration plan, and he said "The best solution is the EB-5 program." His name was Henry Liebman. So he was the guy who wrote the book that Saeko read at the book store the previous day. What a coincidence!

The EB-5 investment amount; 525,000 dollars, was not easy money for her at that time.

The money is not used to "buy" a green card, but to invest in high potential real estate property in Seattle. It would be a good chance to manage my money as investment, she thought. American Life's debt-free low-risk strategy was a key point that attracted her, but the SODO area also caught her eye. Seattle is the 7<sup>th</sup> largest international container port in US, and SODO faces the Seattle port. As long as such a big port is facing the investment area, it won't die.

Shortly after, she decided to join American Life's EB-5 program. Her investment property was in a building partnership that leases space to a small tile shop on 1<sup>st</sup> avenue south in SODO.

It was not showy, but a plain, old building.

However, after a short time, by very good fortune, Starbucks world headquarters moved to the huge property just across the street. This was a great change for the SODO neighborhood. Many visitors including employees of Starbucks, and of Sears department store, also in the same building have been around this area ever since. It raised the neighborhood land prices including that of Saeko's property.



After ten years, she still lives in Seattle, received her I-829 removal of conditions, and still enjoys the income from her investment.

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