Application for Appointment to the City Council, District 2

Disclosure

I understand that if one candidate currently running in the District 2 Council seat receives greater than 50% of the votes in the March 2024 primary, it is the intent of the current Sacramento City Council to appoint that person to open seat until they are officially sworn into that term of office in December 2024.

Eligibility

Tentative Timeline

Personal Information

Name
Shoun Thao

Phone

Email

Supplemental Information to Upload

Voter Registration Form.

Statement of Economic Interest (Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) Form 700).

Member Statement

I understand the city council typically meets every Tuesday and I can commit to attending the weekly regularly scheduled City Council meetings.
I understand that if I am chosen as an appointee, I will only serve on the City Council until the newly elected councilmember is sworn in which is anticipated to be December 10, 2024.

I am aware of the time commitment and the responsibilities associated with service as a councilmember and am prepared to serve without reservation.

I am a resident of the City of Sacramento, District 2, and will continue to reside in the district for the duration of this appointment.

I have been a registered voter in the City of Sacramento, District 2 not less than 30 days prior to submitting this application.

I have no conflict of interest as defined by state law in serving as the appointed councilmember.

I understand that to be considered for appointment I must submit a completed application, I am obligated to submit to the City Clerk a FPPC Form 700, Statement of Economic Interests, and a Voter Registration form with this application.

I understand that this application and any documents submitted in connection with this application process are public records and will be made available to the public.

Questions
I believe I am the best qualified to be the interim Councilmember as we continue to elect a new Councilmember to represent our area. As a resident who grew up in North Sacramento and has worked for the community on both sides, advocating as a member of the community and working at city hall on the council, I believe I can fill this role on the first day of the job.

I am a proud Grant Union High School Pacer Alumni and received my undergraduate degree from UC Davis in 2012. I grew up witnessing North Sacramento the way it is today. Some may say they see a District forgotten, under-resourced with a lack of service, and heavily burdened by crime. But as someone who grew up here, this is not the North Sacramento I want to represent or show to the world. Despite facing all the obstacles above, District 2 is a vibrant community that can provide hope and pathways to the American dream. It is a place full of hope and diversity, where members old and young, minorities, immigrants, and refugees are working hard every day. My parents were refugees of the Vietnam War who moved to North Sacramento in 1995. Through hard work, my parents were able to raise a family of 8 and give back to the community by opening the first Hmong community center in Sacramento.

Today as an executive director for a local nonprofit, Hmong Youth and Parents United, I work to inspire and provide opportunities to the youth and marginalize the community so that they are heard and included. In 2023, our nonprofit was recognized by the Sacramento Bee's "Sacramento Favorite" as the top gold-tier nonprofit in the Sacramento Region for youth development. It is this dedication to the community that I will bring to city hall to make sure all residents of the district are heard.

I believe I am the only applicant who has recent and relevant experience working at the city hall. The city is facing a budget deficit of 66 million dollars, as a council representative for District 2 from 2013 - 2020, my knowledge and background will make sure vital city resources are protected as well as that of the district. I understand what needs to be done to navigate the bureaucracy at city hall to get solutions the district needs.
2. What has your previous involvement with the City of Sacramento been? Please include any service organizations or community engagement specific to the City of Sacramento have you participated in and what your role was.

I have worked for the City of Sacramento from 2013 - 2020 with extensive experience working in offices of the Mayor and Council. As a council representative, I was tasked with managing several special projects within the district and working to ensure our constituents and voices were heard and represented. I’ve had extensive engagement with neighborhood associations and members of the community through multiple projects and initiatives during my time at the city hall. Most notable were our Night Life Turned Right Summer events, revitalizing our parks, and the Marysville and Grand SDAT Report.

Today, I currently serve as a NDAT neighborhood ambassador for the City of Sacramento making sure city initiatives are communicated with the most vulnerable populations in our community who lack access due to cultural competency or language barriers.

3. Please provide a brief description of your interest in serving on the Sacramento City Council.

My interest in serving as the interim City Councilmember is to be a steward and make sure District 2 is fairly represented until a new City Councilmember is elected by the people. For too long, District 2 has not received it’s fair representation that it needs at the dias. My role for the next 8th month is to make sure that there is no gap in representation and to do that, the council needs to find the right applicant who can readily represent the district on their first day. With my extensive experience working at city hall and within the community, I truly believe I am the right applicant for this role.
4. What are the top 3 issues facing District 2? a. Why do you think these are most important? b. What is your solution to addressing those key issues and how will you work with your fellow city council colleagues in addressing them?

Housing and Homelessness, Public Safety, and Economic Development are the top three most important issues facing the district today.

Homelessness is a nationwide issue, but it is one of the top issues in the district if not the city as well. The solution to address this issue is a complex approach that requires the city and stakeholders to create more housing, services, and wrap-around services that can tackle the mental health and lack of housing for all. I am committed to working with other council members to find the most rational and compassionate solution to help address homelessness and find housing for the unhoused.

Public safety has always been a big issue for this district. We need to invest in community-based relations between the community and law enforcement to foster positive relationships that can de-escalate situations, promote trust in law enforcement, and build healthy communities. These efforts need to be reflected throughout the city and I am committed to working with other colleagues to foster these initiatives.

Economic Development has been a top priority in the district for the previous 30 years. As a resident who grew up in the district, all I've heard of is the potential to bring the district back to what it was. This notion is correct, but we need to also instill a notion that we can do more and bring it back to be better than what it was back then. We need strategic planning to help revitalize our business corridors and look at other new areas that may be developed into a commercial hub. My commitment is to support the development of job training for our youth, support bringing more industries into the district as well as work to strengthen our existing business corridors. The economic revitalization of the North Area businesses corridor is a priority not just for the district but for the city. This is something I am committed to working with the council so that members of the
5. Provide any additional information that you feel is relevant to your application.

As a millennial Hmong American leader who grew up in North Sacramento, I’ve come to appreciate and love my community in North Sacramento. My community is a relatively new community to the area but through my experience working within the community, I’ve come to embrace the different cultures and perspectives of the community and understand that all concerns are for the betterment of the community. Whether a resident may feel that North Sacramento used to be a vibrant independent city forgotten by the City of Sacramento, they still long for a better district 2. Whether a resident feels marginalized and forgotten because of the long redlining history of the past, they are still advocating for positive change for the district. Whether a resident, a refugee, or an immigrant just moved to the district because it is the most affordable, they are still working hard to make their new home the best place for their family to live. This is the resilience and strength of our community in District 2. As someone who understands the challenges of our community, I am committed to helping provide a sense of stability for our district at city hall until a new councilmember can be elected to fill that role in November.

Acknowledgement

I hereby certify that all statements made in this application are true and complete. I legally reside in the City of Sacramento. I am 18 years of age or older, and I am a registered voter in the City of Sacramento, District 2. In compliance with State law, I understand that I will be required to file a Statement of Economic Interests upon appointment to office. I understand that my application and materials will be considered a public record and thus will be available for public inspection and copying.

I declare, under penalty of perjury, that all statements in this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature

Date

Feb 29, 2024
STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS
COVER PAGE

A PUBLIC DOCUMENT

NAME OF FILER

THAO

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1. Office, Agency, or Court

Agency Name (Do not use acronyms)

City of Sacramento

Your Position: Councilmember

2. Jurisdiction of Office (Check at least one box)

- Multi-County

- City of Sacramento

3. Type of Statement (Check at least one box)

- Annual: The period covered is January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023

- Or-

The period covered is ______/_____/______ through December 31, 2023.

Assuming Office: Date assumed ______/_____/______

- Candidate: Date of Election 2/29/2024 and office sought, if different than Part 1:

Leaving Office: Date Left ______/_____/______

(Requires one circle)

The period covered is January 1, 2023, through the date of leaving office.

- Or-

The period covered is ______/_____/______ through the date of leaving office.

4. Schedule Summary (required)

- Schedule A-1 - Investments - schedule attached

- Schedule A-2 - Investments - schedule attached

- Schedule B - Real Property - schedule attached

- Schedule C - Income, Loans, & Business Positions - schedule attached

- Schedule D - Income - Gifts - schedule attached

- Schedule E - Income - Gifts - Travel Payments - schedule attached

- Or-

None - No reportable interests on any schedule

5. Verification

Mailing Address: Sacramento, CA 95815

Daytime Telephone Number

I have used all reasonable diligence in preparing this statement. I have reviewed this statement and to the best of my knowledge the information contained herein and in any attached schedules is true and complete. I acknowledge this is a public document.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date Signed 2/29/2024

Signature

[Type the originally signed paper statement with your filing official.]
### SCHEDULE A-2
Investments, Income, and Assets of Business Entities/Trusts

(Ownership Interest is 10% or Greater)

#### GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THIS BUSINESS

**Office Building**

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**Nature of Investment**

- Partnership
- Sole Proprietorship
- LLC
- Other

**Your Business Position**

- Manager

#### 2. IDENTIFY THE GROSS INCOME RECEIVED (INCLUDE YOUR PRO RATA SHARE OF THE GROSS INCOME TO THE ENTITY/TRUST)

- $0 - $499
- $500 - $1,000
- $1,001 - $10,000
- $10,001 - $100,000
- Over $100,000

**Names listed below**

- Hmong Youth and Parents United

#### 3. LIST THE NAME OF EACH REPORTABLE SINGLE SOURCE OF INCOME OF $10,000 OR MORE

- Names listed below

#### 4. INVESTMENTS AND INTERESTS IN REAL PROPERTY HELD OR LEASED BY THE BUSINESS ENTITY OR TRUST

- Check one box:
  - Real Property
  - Investment

- Name of Business Entity, if Investment, or Assessor's Parcel Number or Street Address of Real Property

- Description of Business Activity or City or Other Precise Location of Real Property

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**Nature of Interest**

- Property Ownership/Deed of Trust
- Stock
- Partnership

- Leasehold
- Other

**Check box if additional schedules reporting investments or real property are attached**

**Comments:**

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**CALIFORNIA FORM 700**
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

**Name**

**Shoun Thao**
**SCHEDULE B**

**Interests in Real Property (Including Rental Income)**

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**NAME OF LENDER**

**ADDRESS (Business Address Acceptable)**

**BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF LENDER**

**INTEREST RATE**

| % | None |

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SCHEDULE C
Income, Loans, & Business Positions
(Other than Gifts and Travel Payments)

1. INCOME RECEIVED

NAME OF SOURCE OF INCOME
Hmong Youth and Parents United

ADDRESS (Business Address Acceptable)
631 Eleanor Avenue

BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF SOURCE

YOUR BUSINESS POSITION
Executive Director

GROSS INCOME RECEIVED
- $500 - $1,000
- $1,001 - $10,000
- $10,001 - $100,000
- OVER $100,000

CONSIDERATION FOR WHICH INCOME WAS RECEIVED
- Salary
- Spouse’s or registered domestic partner’s income
- Partnership (Less than 10% ownership, For 10% or greater use Schedule A-2.)
- Sale of
    - (Real property, car, boat, etc.)
- Loan repayment
- Commission or
- Rental Income, list each source of $10,000 or more
- Other

(Describe)

1. INCOME RECEIVED

NAME OF SOURCE OF INCOME

ADDRESS (Business Address Acceptable)

BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF SOURCE

YOUR BUSINESS POSITION

GROSS INCOME RECEIVED
- No Income - Business Position Only
- $500 - $1,000
- $1,001 - $10,000
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2. LOANS RECEIVED OR OUTSTANDING DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

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ADDRESS (Business Address Acceptable)

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- OVER $100,000

INTEREST RATE

TERM (Months/Years)

SECURITY FOR LOAN

None

Personal residence

Real Property
Street address

City

Guarantor

Other

(Describe)

Comments: