

Planning Commission Proposed Appointments – May 2017

Chong Lee

Ward 7

Ethnicity: Asian/Pacific Islander

Employer: Marny Xiong for School Board

Occupation: Campaign Manager

Why are you interested in serving on a board or committee?

My family fled from Laos to Thailand and immigrated to Saint Paul, MN in 1994. I was born in Thailand but was raised in St. Paul. I'm now a home owner in the Dayton's Bluff neighborhood. St. Paul is home to me, my family, and relatives. I'm here to stay and want to contribute my knowledge and skills to make the city a livable place. I want to serve on the planning commission board because I want to make sure there is equity in neighborhood developments across the city, transparency and accountability, ensure resources are invested to make the city livable, and that residents and businesses are supported to prosper.

What skills/training or experience do you possess for the committee(s) for which you seek appointment?

I have certificates in Program and Project Management Fundamentals, Nonprofit and Business Management, and policy and lobbying. As for work experiences, I have many years of experiences as a community organizer. I've worked on many issues campaign such as education, housing, and employment. I've managed many electoral campaigns to ensure there are elected officials of color in office who can represent the community. I have a background in social work where I've worked with children, youth, and families. I was the Interim Executive Director for Lao Family of MN so I have a first hand experience running a nonprofit organization. During my time as the Lao Family ED, I've dealt with many public affairs where I had to work with the board of directors to resolve issues. I've worked with the Saint Paul Promise Neighborhood where I managed over 12 plus partnership contracts and had oversight of a \$2.5 million budget. I have worked with many neighborhood nonprofit organizations and businesses and I have good standing relationships with them.

Cedrick Baker

Ward 6

African American

Employer: Saint Paul Board of Education

Occupation: Administrator

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