

Profile

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Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Planning Commission: Submitted

Tram _____ V _____ Hoang _____
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Email Address

Select Your Ward

Ward 4

Select Your District

District 12 - St. Anthony

Street Address

City

Suite or Apt

State

Postal Code

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Interests & Experiences

The Alliance _____ Policy Advocate _____
Employer Job Title

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

Much of my professional work is focused on centering the voices of communities of color and low-wealth communities in decision-making spaces about housing, land use, transportation, economic development and health equity issues. In doing so, I do a lot of stepping back so that others can step forward. The opportunity to serve on the Planning Commission is so well suited to my skills and experiences that, in this rare case, I feel especially compelled to be the one to step forward. The many identities that I hold provide me with an understanding of how intersectionality plays a critical role in problem-solving and decision-making, and I hope to bring this perspective to the Planning Commission. I recognize the power that comes with commission service, and weigh that just as heavily as I do the responsibility of shaping how Saint Paul continues to grow as a city that can be home to everyone, especially historically disenfranchised and marginalized communities. I'm proud to call Saint Paul my home, and want to play a role that can support and uplift the Planning and Economic Development Department. I hope to challenge mainstream assumptions and hold innovative conversations about how we approach urban growth and community development issues in relation to racial equity. Lastly, I hope to engage with residents from across the city and learn from the expertise and experiences they bring to the commission.

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

I have a broad array of experiences – ranging from lived and professional to educational – that I believe make my perspective key to the Planning Commission. As a young renter of color in Saint Paul, I bring a voice that is under-represented yet critical to the city's growth. Having recently graduated from the Humphrey School of Public Affairs with a Master's in Urban & Regional Planning, I am equipped with the technical knowledge to succeed in the role. During my time at the Humphrey School, I was a Krusell Fellow in Community Development, which afforded me the opportunity to intern at organizations and institutions of my choice. I strategically chose a path that exposed me to every step of housing policy and development processes, starting at Hope Community (a place-based affordable housing developer), then the Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers (a network of affordable housing developers), and finally, the City of Minneapolis Community Planning and Economic Development Department. Last but certainly not least, I carry with me the lived experience of being born and raised in Portland, Oregon, in a historically disinvested neighborhood that fell victim to gentrification and displacement. It is what led me to become a community organizer with a strong racial equity lens in the housing field, and ultimately what brought me to graduate school, where I was able to perceive my Portland experience not as a unique one, but in the context of the trends and cycles through which urban spaces go. I hope for the opportunity to coalesce these experiences through serving on the Planning Commission.

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Demographics

Ethnicity

Asian or Pacific Islander

Gender

Female

06/04/1992

Date of Birth