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Councilman Dai Thao 15 West Kellogg Blvd. Room 310-A Courthouse Saint Paul, MN 55102

Dear Councilmember Thao,

I am sending this letter of support for the Little Mekong Night Market, being sponsored by the Asian Economic Development Association (AEDA). I believe this program is a positive way to bring arts and culture together to celebrate and leverage the local talent in our community.

AEDA is actively working to create opportunities for local artists through their initiative ArtWave which will involve family friendly music, performances, and a stage. These activities will bring vibrancy and programming that invites everyone from the community to participate. The performances and activities paired within the Night Market are integral to create a welcoming environment that allows community members to engage with each other and rediscover the local area in a way never done before. The live performances will be from 6-9pm on June 14th, July 5th, July 26th, August 16th and September 6th, featuring live bands and local artists. Other activities to be featured at the Night Market includes: poetry, dance, martial arts, movement activities, visual art, and community art projects.

I strongly support the Night Market concept and believe that investing resources into local artists and the local neighborhood promotes appreciation for our community resources and talent. Sound levels will be monitored to remain within the range determined by the City of Saint Paul.

If you wish to discuss this further please feel free to contact me at 651-266-8366.

Sincerely,

Toni Carter

Ramsey County Commissioner

cc AEDA

