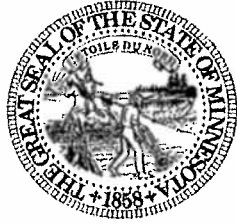


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MARK DAYTON
GOVERNOR

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Pakou Hang

3101 - 12th Avenue South #3
Minneapolis, MN 55407
County of Hennepin
Congressional District 5

Because of the special trust and confidence I have in your integrity, judgment, and ability, I have appointed and commissioned you to have and to hold the office of:

MEMBER

**MINNESOTA POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY CITIZENS'
BOARD**

Effective: March 27, 2013

Term Expires: January 2, 2017

This appointment carries with it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the Capitol in the City of Saint Paul, March 22, 2013.



Governor

Secretary of State

Replacing: Brian Bensen

STATE OF MINNESOTA
OPEN APPOINTMENTS APPLICATION FOR SERVICE ON
STATE AGENCIES, BOARDS, COUNCILS, COMMISSIONS or TASK FORCES

All information on this form is available to the public upon request.

Part I - Tell us about the Position to which you are applying

Required Information (MN Stat § 15.0597 Subd. 5.)

Agency: MN Pollution Control Agency

Position Sought: Citizens' Council

By request, this application will be made available in alternative format (for example, braille, large print, audio tape, or computer disk.)

Part II - Tell us about Yourself

Required Information (MN Stat § 15.0597 Subd. 5.)

Applicant

Name: Pakou Hang

Preferred Phone: 651.983.8007

Preferred Mailing

Address: 3101 12th Ave South Apt. 3
(Preferred Mailing Address)

E-MAIL: hang.pakou@gmail.com

County: Hennepin County

 Minneapolis MN 55407
(City) (State) (Zip)

MN House of Rep Dist: 62B

US House of Rep Dist: CD 5

Have you ever been convicted of a felony:

Yes No 1

Did the Appointing Authority suggest you submit your

application? Yes 1 No

Please attach a cover letter, current resume, or other information that you feel would be helpful to the Appointing Authority.

Part III: OPTIONAL STATISTICAL INFORMATION

The following information is optional and voluntary (MN Stat §15.0597 Subd. 5.)
Information is collected for, and compiled in, the annual report on the open appointments process pursuant to MN Stat §15.0597 Subd. 7.

Sex: Female 1
Male

Age: 35

Disability: Yes
No 1

Political Party: 1 Democratic-Farmer-Labor
 Independence
 Republican
 No Party Preference
 Other

Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin? Yes
 1 No

Race: American Indian or Alaska Native
(As listed on United African American or Black
State Census White or Caucasian
2010) Other Race
(Pick as many as apply)

Part IV: Signature and Submittal Instructions

I swear that, to the best of my knowledge, the above information is correct and that I satisfy all legally prescribed qualifications for the position sought. (*If another person or group is nominating the applicant, the applicant's signature indicates consent to nomination.)

 Pakou Chee Hang
(Signature of Applicant)

 2/8/2013
(Date)

MAIL OR SUBMIT IN PERSON:
Office of the Secretary of State
Open Appointments
180 State Office Building
100 Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr Blvd
St. Paul, MN 55155-1299

Questions:
Phone: (651) 556-0643
Email:
open.appointments@state.mn.us

Applicants will not receive an acknowledgement of submitted applications; the appointing authority will notify you if an interview is desired.

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Cover Letter or Other Helpful Information:

Office of the Secretary of State
Retirement Systems of Minnesota Building
60 Empire Drive, Suite 100
St Paul, MN 55103

February 8, 2013

To whom it may concern:

I write to apply for a position with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's (PCA) Citizens' Board. I believe I have the professional and personal experiences necessary for this position and I respectfully ask for your support.

I was born in a refugee camp in northern Thailand and immigrated to this country when I was fifteen days old. My family and I moved to Minnesota when I was in elementary school and I grew up on the West Side of Saint Paul and then later in a first ring suburb—Maplewood. Growing up, my family did not have a lot of money and so we grew and sold vegetables at the local farmers markets to pay for the Catholic schools my parents wanted my six siblings and me to attend. Working in the fields, through rain or shine, from planting to harvesting season, I developed a unique perspective about the relationship among the environment, people and economic development. I carry those lessons with me now, especially as the Executive Director of the Hmong American Farmers Association (HAFA), a social justice organization that is committed to advancing the economic, social and cultural prosperity of Hmong American farmers through advocacy, economic development, capacity building and research. Most Hmong farmers in Minnesota rent farmland and grow an assortment of vegetables on less than 10 acres. They work hard and rely on the land to make a living, and I hope to support them and others like them in this state through the PCA's Citizens' Board.

As the second oldest in a family with parents who do not speak English, I often had to interpret for my mom and dad. When I was a freshman in high school, my mother was diagnosed with chronic renal failure and I had to attend all of her doctor's appointments, hospital stays and even once or twice accompanied her into the operating room. I often wondered if the water my mother drank growing up in Laos or the chemicals that were used in the Secret War, which my parents lived through, contributed to her illness. Luckily with modern medicine and two kidney transplants, my mother is doing well nowadays, but her illness left a strong impression in me about the importance of safeguarding our families against environmental hazards.

Lastly, I have spent the past ten years working as a community organizer, trying to support the most marginalized and disenfranchised in our community to advocate for themselves. I hope through the PCA's Citizens' Council, I can be a voice for those who are not normally involved in the decision making process. As a graduate of the University of Minnesota and a recipient of the Hubert H. Humphrey Public Leadership Award, I look forward to adding my efforts to the great public servants and public institutions (like the Pollution Control Agency's Citizens' Board) that have made this state so great. If there are any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you again for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Resume or Other Helpful Information:

Pakou Hang 3101 12th Ave S Apt. 3 Minneapolis, MN 55407 651-983-8007 hang.pakou@gmail.com

Education

University of Minnesota
Political Science, M.A.

Minneapolis, MN
December 2008

- Course concentration in International Relations, Political Psychology and Global Social Change

Yale University

Political Science, B.A.

New Haven, CT
May 1999

- Course concentration in Comparative Politics and International Relations with focus in Latin America

Work Experience

Hmong American Farmers Association
Executive Director

Minneapolis, MN
Oct. 2011 to present

- Utilized 20 plus years' experience in farming to support Hmong American farmers advance their economic prosperity
- Built relationships with key local and national stakeholders and allies around immigrant farming issues
- Manage and supported senior staff and members on programmatic priorities
- Served as Board Member of the Saint Paul Farmers Market

WGH Holdings LLC

Principal

St. Paul, MN
February 2010 to present

- Consulted with non-profit organizations to create paradigm shifts in organizational thinking, organizing and development
- Trained and supported senior staff and other constituencies on leadership styles and civic engagement
- Local clients include McKnight Foundation, the Minneapolis Foundation, the White House Project, CAPI, Latino Economic Development Center, Renewing the Countryside, Healthy Food Healthy Lives at the University of Minnesota

The Children's Defense Fund

Deputy Vice President

Washington, DC
February 2009 to February 2010

- Monitored and analyzed Congressional activities and developed appropriate field and online strategies to achieve campaign objectives
- Served as liaison between national funders and CDF as well as between field operation and policy and communication departments and 9 state offices from across the country
- Supervised over 12 field staff members in Washington, D.C. and collaborated with staff members across the country to develop and activate citizen activists and young adults
- Created extensive evaluation system including statistical analysis to analyze, grow and monitor field programs focused on passing national health reform, anti-poverty and child welfare legislations
- Developed tactics and mobilized over 20,000 activists in D.C. and 17 additional cities in a day of social action for children's health care reform

University of Minnesota

Teaching Assistant

Minneapolis, MN
September 2008 to January 2009

- Assisted in the teaching of over 140 students in a political psychology class on elite behavior
- Supported students in the learning of presidential personality traits, major foreign affairs fiascos and group decision making processes

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Awards

- Bush Foundation Leadership Fellowship 2011-2013
- University of Minnesota Pre-Dissertation Summer Fellowship 2008
- Paul and Daisy Soros Graduate School Fellowship for New Americans 2004-2006
- University of Minnesota Center for the Study of Global Change Fellowship 2003-2006
- University of Minnesota Diversity of Views and Experiences (DOVE) Fellowship 2003-2004
- Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship Summer 2003
- Hubert Humphrey Public Leadership Award 2003

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