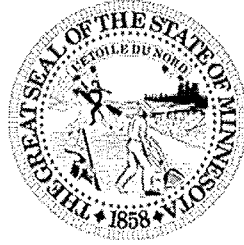


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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Chai Lee

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

District 13 Representative
Metropolitan Council

Effective: July 3, 2023

Expires: January 4, 2027

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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.

Signed and sealed June 27, 2023.



Handwritten signature of Tim Walz in black ink.

Tim Walz
Governor

Handwritten signature of Steve Simon in black ink.

Steve Simon
Secretary of State

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Secretary of State, Steve Simon

Reappointment

Part I: Position Sought

Agency Name: Metropolitan Council
Position: District 13 Rep.

Part II: Applicant Information

Name: Mr. Chai Lee
Phone: (651) 230-3560
County: Ramsey
Minnesota House District: 67A
Minnesota Senate District: 4
Recommended by the Appointing Authority: False

Part III: Appending Documentation

Cover Letter and Resume

Type	File Type
Cover Letter	application/pdf
Resume	application/pdf

Additional Documents (.doc, .docx, .pdf, .txt)

Type	File Name
Cover Letter of Recommendation Addendum 2022	docx
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Part V: Signature

Signature: Chai Lee
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Chai Lee
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Chai Lee

Objective I am an outgoing, engaged, and passionate individual who seeks to remain a strong voice on the Met Council for the East Metro. I have a background in local government and currently work in nonprofit, with confident project management skills and communications assets. I'm a people person and love communications. I hope to serve Minnesota on the Met Council again.

Work Experience **Program Director (November 2022- Present)**
Program Manager (April 2020- October 2022)
Program Coordinator (October 2015- April 2020)

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The Boards & Commissions Leadership Institute (BCLI)
Nexus Community Partners
2314 University Ave #18
Saint Paul, MN 55114

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- Run our flagship leadership cohort program (the BCLI), training BIPOC folks who are interested in fostering the leadership skills to seek appointment to publicly appointed boards, committees and commissions
- Direct and plan curriculum and organize logistics of all learning workshops, training sessions and prepare presenters/trainers who come in to train our leadership cohort.
- Recruit, interview and select leadership cohort members for the program
- Update our BCLI web pages as necessary, including posting communications such as blogs and sending out electronic invites/newsletters and all other written program materials
- Help promote, market and communicate about the BCLI to the public
- Serve on the Nexus communications team, revamping newsletters, brochures and website edits, plan and execute information sessions
- Communicate regularly with partners in public and nonprofit sectors to build relationships in the deep engagement work we do in community

Constituent Services Director (September 2015- October 2015)
Constituent Services Representative (December 2009- August 2015)
Office of the Mayor, City of Saint Paul
15 West Kellogg Boulevard, Suite 390
Saint Paul, MN 55102

- Administered boards and committee appointments for the Mayor
- Recruited, hired and manage the Mayor's Office Interns

- Corresponded with constituents on a daily basis via all means, helping people resolve their issues, complaints and questions
- Planned and execute all parades logistics for the Mayor
- Maintained the database of office contacts
- Assist in office administration tasks, logistics and as a part of the communications team, worked diligently in staffing the Mayor and writing memos as well as other official communications
- As director of constituent services, I have extensive customer service experience and interactions with the public
- As director of constituent services, I was also one of the designated PIOs (public information officers) of the city. I was one of the four PIOs for the Mayor's Office department.

Accomplishments During the summer of 2008, I volunteered with a handful of college students to interview Hmong individuals in the community about the tragic experiences of having had relatives' graves exhumed by the Thai government. Testimony that I collected, translated and transcribed was submitted for a public hearing on December 10, 2008, and presented to the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms of Indigenous Peoples.

UN Testimony

Campaign/Political Messaging In the summer of 2010, I ran for a seat on the Minnesota State Senate – (Senate District 67). Although I did not prevail in that August Primary race, I finished the race second place out of a crowded field of nine candidates. I learned a lot about managing a campaign, good public messaging, running for public office and standing for my beliefs.

Process Revamping Toward the end of my tenure in the St. Paul Mayor's Office, I lead a revamping effort of our processes for both external and internal protocols as they pertained to requesting official Mayoral Proclamations. In addition, I helped lead a refining process of the administration of boards and commissions appointments.

Overhauling website to be more user-friendly with the public In the summer of 2016, I wrote a memo to the Deputy Secretary of State of Minnesota, sharing my personal user experience and suggestions of best practices from St. Paul. My advice helped inform the Secretary's office in their own boards and commissions applications website redesign for better consumption by the general public and standardization across departments.

Education **Bachelor of Arts – International Relations/Political Science (2009)**
 Carleton College
 1 North College Street
 Northfield, Minnesota 55057
 Dates attended: From September 2005- June 2009

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Humboldt Senior High School – High School Diploma (2005)
30 East Baker Street
Saint Paul, Minnesota, 55107
Dates attended: From September 2001-June 2005

Certificate

**Certificate of Completion of Project Management, from New Horizons
Computer Learning Centers (Eagan) October 2017**

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Governor Tim Walz and Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan

75 Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr Blvd #130

President of the Senate

St Paul, MN 55155

Dear Governor Walz and Lieutenant Governor Flanagan,

My name is Chai Lee, and I am a 25-year resident of the east side of Saint Paul. I am applying once again to represent District #13 on the Met Council. Growing up in both California and Minnesota has afforded me the opportunity to see the best and worst of what can happen to cities and regions when there is no coordinated policy and planning process in a metro area. Our Twin Cities MPO is unique, and I have come to understand and appreciate its work in the last four years on the Council. My first 10 years as an American were spent in Fresno, the Central Valley of California. The Central Valley is still America's breadbasket. But for the longest time, local, regional and federal officials had neglected this part of California, and many of its cities remain the poorest in America, lacking the most basic transit systems and infrastructure.

I believe in strong government, because we have seen what good, strong government can do. It has helped us create social safety nets for our elderly and most vulnerable, and it has given us a world-class interstate system with military precision for the purpose of national defense and economic efficiency. A good regional governing body upfits all cities and improves the lives of all our residents.

The Met Council helps determine many great, important policies which affect the daily lives of millions in our Twin Cities area, the greatest metro in the world. I want to be a voice for the east metro on the Met Council. In the past, as a resident, I have sat on the Gold Line CBAC. At the end of my resume is an addendum of my other community volunteer activities. I have always worked hard to serve and help others. And it would be my honor to serve Minnesota as a voice on the Met Council in your second term again. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Chai Lee

Addendum to Chai Lee Resume: Community Activities

Listings below show my volunteer activities or membership in the following organizations

District 1 Community Council (My neighborhood district council for my East Side in Saint Paul) – renamed to **Southeast Community Organization (aka SECO)**

Board member: March 2018 – February 2019

The Met Council Gold Line Committee (Community and Business Advisory Committee (aka The Gold Line CBAC))

Committee member: May 2018 – February 2019

Saint Paul Long-Range Capital Improvement Budget Committee (CIB)

Committee member: February 2016 – February 2019

Saint Paul Parks & Recreation Department: Youth Soccer Coach volunteer (for 14U and 12U boys and coed teams, both indoor and outdoor)

Volunteer: September 2015 – October 2019

Advocacy Committee of the Friends of the Saint Paul Public Libraries

Committee member: October 2018 – April 2019

Member of The Saint Paul Charter Commission

Committee member: September 2022 - Present

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