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MAYOR ASHLEY E. SWEARENGIN

**NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT BY MAYOR
TO BOARD OR COMMISSION**

TO: City Council
THROUGH: Becky Klisch, City Clerk
BY: Ashley Swearengin, Mayor

Reappointment
 New Appointment

Name of person replaced:
Louise Bauer Davoli (resigned)

Name: Bobby Bliatout
Address: 2995 North Filbert Avenue
Fresno, California 93727
Home Phone: (559) 347-9446
Business Phone: (209) 349-2862

Appointed to: Housing and Community Development Commission
Term: Through 06/30/2011

City Council Agenda 11/04/2010

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APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OR COMMISSION CITY CLERK, FRESNO CA

Resume or letters of recommendation may be attached.

Applicants may be required to live within the Fresno City limits. I reside in Council District No. 4

Name: Bobby R. Bliatout Hm. Phone: 559-347-9446 Wk. Phone: 209-349-2862

Home Address: 2995 N. Filbert Ave, Fresno, Ca Zip: 93727

Work Address: 7275 E. Southgate Dr. 204, Sacramento, Ca Zip: 95823

Occupation/Employer: Chief Information & Financial Officer/Health and Life Org, Inc. Yrs 6 Months

Educational Background, Schools Attended, Degrees and Certifications: McLane High School - Diploma,

California State University, Bakersfield - B.A. Theatre Arts/Computer Science

Professional and Community Affiliations: Health And Life Organization, Inc. - Chief Information and Financial Officer

University of California, Merced - IT Helpdesk Manager

For what Board or Commission are you applying? City Planning Commission (Also HEPC per Mr. Bliatout 10/15/10.)

Briefly explain why you are interested in serving on this Board(s) or Commission(s): Beyond my passion for this city, I believe the combination of my youth, driven experience and community background can be a valuable-balanced component towards a process that develops the city for the future and a public servant to the Planning Commission and Hmong Community.

Provide 3 Personal and Professional References. Provide name, address, and phone number where they may be reached during the day.

Michael Hanson, Superintendent of Schools (FUSD), 2309 Tulare St, Fresno, Ca 93721, 559-457-3882

Bobby Vang, Asian Village Shopping Center, 4903 E. Kings Canyon Road #251, Fresno, Ca 93727, 559-456-2844

Lue N. Yang, Exec. Dir.-Fresno Center for New Americans, 4879 E. Kings Canyon Rd., Fresno, Ca 93727, 559-255-8395

I declare under penalty of perjury the above information is true and correct.

Dated: 12-18-2009 Applicant:  Signature

Return completed, signed application to the City Clerk's Office, 2600 Fresno Street, Room 2133, Fresno, CA 93721-3603 or FAX to 559-488-1005. Your application will be kept on file for two years. Please re-file after that time if you are still interested in serving on a Board or Commission.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: Date referred to Mayor 12/18/09 Date referred to Councilmember Westerlund

Copies to: Keith Bergthold; Joann Zuniga

December 18, 2009

From:

Bobby Bliatout
2995 N. Filbert Ave
Fresno, Ca 93727

To:

Mayor Ashley Swearengin
Office of the City Clerk
2600 Fresno Street
Fresno, Ca 93721

Re: Fresno City Planning Commission Vacancy

Dear Mayor Swearengin,

Thank you for the opportunity and consideration to fill the vacant seat on the City's Planning Commission.

I would like to take this moment to tell you a little bit about myself. I am married to a wonderful, patient and supportive wife, Mouang, and we have two very energetic sons, Jarik and Bryce. I am a graduate of McLane High School, a graduate of California State University, Bakersfield with a degree in Theatre Arts/Computer Science.

In 2003 I helped to establish Health and Life Organization, Inc. (HALO) and currently hold the Chief Information and Financial Officer position. The organization was established to provide healthcare services to the underserved, the Southeast Asian Refugees and community in Sacramento. HALO has since grown to accommodate the large community by opening two clinics to serve the Sacramento area: Sacramento Community Clinic-Del Paso & Sacramento Community Clinic-Southgate. The HALO clinics proudly hold a special place in their respective community, and were warranted a status of Federally Qualified Healthcare Clinic Look-Alike (FQHC-LA) by 2008, the first in Sacramento. In the past two years, we were able to grow from a budget of under one million dollars to a budget over three million dollars, and servicing over thirty thousand encounters per year. HALO employs over forty people and is on a steady track to expand to Fresno, California by the third quarter of 2010.

Concurrently to my post in HALO, I held a full time position as an IT Manager at the University of California, Merced between 2002 through 2009; being part of establishing the first research University of the 21st century, and the first new UC campus in 40 years, required long hours and dedication to establish policies and procedures, lead projects, manage staff, and create a foundation for the years to come. I have always enjoyed working to better the community, whether through education, support and/or healthcare.

I have resided in Southeast Fresno (93727) zip code for over the past five years. Beyond my passion for this city, I believe the combination of my youth, driven work experience and community background can be a valuable-balanced component to the Planning Commission. I can be a constructive part of the process that develops this city towards the future and a public servant to both the Planning Commission and the Southeast Asian communities.

I am big believer in treating everyone with fairness and to apply community morals to all areas of practice. I have and will always apply these ideals in everything I do, as I believe it is very important to the betterment of the community. There has never been a task that I have started and was unable to finish. I plan on continuing that record.

Again, I thank you in advance for the opportunity and consideration. I understand that time is of the essence, so if you have any questions please feel free to contact me. I have attached two letters of support from the references on my application for your review and the other reference will be mailing a letter of support to you in the coming days.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bobby Bliatout', with a large, sweeping underline that extends across the width of the signature.

Bobby Bliatout
Chief Information and Financial Officer
Health and Life Organization, Inc.
bbliatout@halocares.org
Cell: 209-349-2862



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Michael E. Hanson

December 22, 2009

Mayor Ashley Swearengin
City of Fresno
2600 Fresno Street
Fresno, CA 93721

Dear Mayor Swearengin:

It is my pleasure to recommend Mr. Bobby Bliatout for an appointment to the City of Fresno's Planning Commission. I recently had the opportunity to meet Mr. Bliatout and found him to have the skills and attributes necessary to be an effective public servant.

As both a McLane High School and California State University, Bakersfield graduate, Mr. Bliatout understands firsthand the challenges our diverse community faces. Since 2003 he has assisted in the establishment and development of the Health and Life Organization, Inc (HALO). HALO is a health services provider for the Southeast Asian Refugee community in Sacramento.

For the past seven years, Mr. Bliatout has also served as the University of California (UC) Merced's Information Technology (IT) Manager. In this capacity, he established the necessary technological foundation for the UC Merced Campus to better serve its students in both the Fresno and Bakersfield extension campuses. In continuing with his passion of public service, Mr. Bliatout recently accepted a position with HALO as the Chief Information and Financial Officer, where I am positive he will continue the good works he helped to established.

Therefore, I am confident Mr. Bliatout's energetic personality, work experience and drive to serve the underrepresented will be of value to the City of Fresno and to the community.

Thank for your consideration,

Michael Hanson
Superintendent



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December 17, 2009

Mayor Ashley Swearengin
Office of the City Clerk
2600 Fresno Street
Fresno, Ca 93721

Dear Mayor Swearengin,

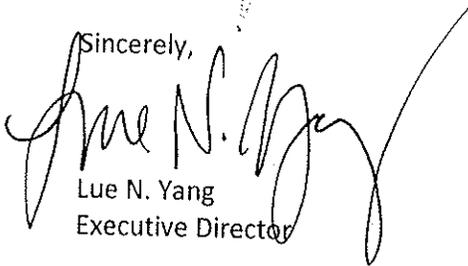
I write this letter with the purpose to endorse Bobby Bliatout's choice to serve on the Fresno City Planning Commission. As the Executive Director of The Fresno Center for New Americans, I have come to know and understand the community and their needs. Over the past 15 years, I have come to experience his growing efforts to excel and his never ending efforts to succeed.

Bobby Bliatout would make a great member of the Planning Commission because of his ability to be fair and decisive towards all involved parties, all the while staying within the letter of the law. He has exemplified great work in his creation of Health and Life Organization, Inc., overcoming many obstacles. It is an accomplishment that could not be completed by just anyone. It is also a service that has greatly contributed to the well being of the Southeast Asians and the underserved.

As the make-up of the Planning Commission currently lacks representation for the Southeast Asian Community combined with the vacant seat, it is an opportune time to appoint Bobby Bliatout. His appointment will bring a greater balance to the representation of the City of Fresno to the Planning Department.

I strongly urge you to take this recommendation with serious consideration as I believe the addition of Bobby Bliatout to the Planning Commission will provide a great asset to the city of Fresno.

Sincerely,



Lue N. Yang
Executive Director

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December 16, 2009

Re: Bob Bliatout,
Candidate for Planning Commission

Mayor Swearengin,

It is my pleasure to write this letter in support of Bob Bliatout for Planning Commission. I have known Bob personally and professionally for the past fifteen years and I know him to be a positive component of the Hmong business community. I trust his ability to absorb, digest information and make fair, progressive decisions.

Bob is well respected in the fields of health administration and computer information. Most notably is his involvement in developing and creating, Health and Life Organization (HALO), a community health clinic in Sacramento that provides health care to the underserved Southeast Asians.

There are limited members of our community who are willing *and* able to represent both the Southeast Fresno and Southeast Asian community. I believe Bob Bliatout is one of these few, and I thank you in advance for his consideration.

Cordially,



Bobby Vang,
Asian Village Shopping Center