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Wat Lao Buddhavong Announces New Board Appointments and Resolutions

Catlett, Virginia, June 30, 2024 - Today, the Board of Directors of Wat Lao Buddhavong (WLB) convened a meeting with five (5) of the seven (7) Board Members in attendance. The following motions were brought up and approved:

- 1. A resolution of Wat Lao Buddhavong, Inc. appointing Kevin Smith as the General Counsel for Wat Lao Buddhavong, Inc.**
- 2. A resolution of Wat Lao Buddhavong, Inc. ratifying and confirming the appointment of Mrs. Vilayvanh Nounennady as a Board of Director.**
- 3. A resolution of Wat Lao Buddhavong, Inc. appointing Mr. Tharathip Soulisak as a Board of Director.**
- 4. A resolution of Wat Lao Buddhavong, Inc. ratifying and confirming the rescinding of trespass orders and authorizing Attorney Kevin Smith to inform the individuals by letter.**

These resolutions are part of an ongoing effort to integrate new board members with the existing board of directors, ensuring a more cohesive and collaborative leadership team. Since June 15, 2024, Wat Lao Buddhavong has been actively working to incorporate new members into its board.

With these appointments, Wat Lao Buddhavong now has eight (8) Board of Directors. The temple is looking forward to a future of financial transparency and accountability. The Wat Lao Buddhavong's Board aims to foster a positive environment that includes fair elections for qualified board members and officers, as well as the formation of a board of advisors and appropriate committees to support and rebuild the temple.

This information is based on the LGHA board members and officers who witnessed the meeting, and comments from the newly appointed Board members.

Board of Directors Present:

1. Phra Oneta Mingsisouphanh (Director / President)
2. Mr. Vath Phimmakaysone (Director)
3. Mrs. Vilayvanh Nounennady (Director)
4. Mr. Sen Pantavong (Director)
5. Mrs. Ketsada Phommasack (Director / Treasurer)
6. Mr. Tharathip Soulisak (newly appointed Director)

Board of Directors Absent:

1. Mrs. Pam Phayaliane Vorachack (Director / VP / Treasurer)
2. Mr. Thinnat Nachampasak (Director / Secretary)

LGHA is excited about this positive news and progress that Wat Lao Buddhavong has made in the past week. We fully support the new developments and the promising direction the temple is taking. We extend an invitation to everyone to join us in celebrating the July 4th Celebration at the temple on July 6, 2024.

Wat Lao Buddhavong is committed to making significant progress in these areas and is optimistic about the positive changes and developments that are expected to come.

"Together, we have the power to restore and revitalize Wat Lao Buddhavong. Let's unite in spirit and action to rebuild our temple, fostering a sanctuary of peace, love, unity, and prosperity for generations to come. Join us in this journey of renewal and let our collective efforts shine brightly for our community."

About LGHA

*The **Lao Global Heritage Alliance (LGHA)** is a Washington DC Metro Area-based organization dedicated to preserving and promoting Lao cultural heritage. Through community engagement and advocacy, LGHA strives to foster positive change and uphold the values that are integral to the Lao community.*