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Gangshi Khang, Vice President
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Dear Mr. Khang,

We write to you to express our deep disappointment and grave concern of the statements you made that the word “Moob” is not standard while “Hmong” is on November 23, 2021 at the rally organized by Councilman Dai Thao. As you know, Kongsue Xiong publicly opposed his board's decision and made himself become the cancer of the Mong community by inciting division, discrimination, and hatred. He rallied not only individuals but also Mong organizations to help him eliminate the Mong Leng word “Moob” from the art stone at the Saint Paul-Changsha China Friendship Garden.

You said that having this rock with the word “Moob” would divide the Mong people into two groups and the word “Moob” had a bad definition in English. Furthermore, you stated there would have been no conflict had the word “Hmong” been used instead. Your last comment was about how SGU veterans had made sacrifices to bring Mong people to this country and the spelling on the art-rock must be changed from “Moob” to “Hmong.”

Again, we are deeply concerned by your decision to support Kongsue Xiong and Councilman Dai Thao's baseless claims to mislead the public and cause unnecessary division and upheaval. Your decision to support such falsehood is a detriment to the Mong community.

The purpose of the writings within that park is about inclusiveness. The board wanted the writings to be in each group's native language; Lakota, Mandarin and Mong. Since Mong have two dialects, it is fair to have both dialects represented. The MCFGS board and advisors rightfully decided to keep the word “Moob” to align with their goal of embracing diversity and inclusiveness. We are grateful for their decision.

To help heal our community, we implore you to cease and denounce this false, divisive, and dangerous quest by issuing a public apology to the Mong community and resign from your VP position with SGU Veterans and Family Development of USA Inc. immediately.

Feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Zong Khang Yang'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'Z' and a long, sweeping tail.

Zong Khang Yang
President