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Xai Paul Vang, Advisor
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Dear Mr. Vang,

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 with his stance that the word “Moob” is not inclusive of “Hmong” and that the word “Moob” is not standard whereas, “Hmong/Hmoob” is. 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.

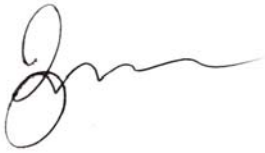
You stated that since the 1950's, the word “Hmong” is known and is recognized worldwide, but “Moob” is not. You further misled people with the comment that the word “Hmong” had been registered with the United Nations by GVP and Dr. Pobzeb Vang. Furthermore, you pointed the finger to Mr. Ying Chuyangheu, saying the word, “Moob ” can easily be fixed and if in the end, it was not, further discussions would ensue. Your comments have misled the public and cause unnecessary division, discrimination, emotionally charged debate between Mong Leng and Mong Der all over the world.

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 advisory 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