



Eileen Donoghue
City Manager

October 25, 2019

Mayor William Samaras
and
Members of the City Council

RE: Lowell Election Commission;
Notice of Appointment

Dear Mayor Samaras and Members of the City Council:

Pursuant to Chapter 154 of the Acts of 1920, Chapter 115 of the Acts of 1921, Chapter 131 of the Acts of 1923 and Chapter 30 of the Acts of 1992, I am appointing Paul Ratha Yem of 98 Mount Vernon Street, Lowell MA 01854 to the Election Commission (to fill the unexpired term of Joseph Mullen.) Mr. Yem's term shall expire on June 30, 2021, or such time thereafter until his successor is appointed and qualified.

Confirmation by the City Council is required for this appointment and is hereby requested.

I have attached a copy of his resumé for your review.

I would be happy to answer any inquiries that you may have concerning this appointment.

Very truly yours,

Eileen M. Donoghue
City Manager

Encl.

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cc: City Clerk
Election Commission
City Auditor
Law Dept.
Human Relations Manager
MIS

Paul Ratha Yem

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Experience

- Global Realty Network, LLC** Lowell, MA
Principal Broker 16 Pine Street, Suite 13
- Providing assistance to home owners who are behind on mortgage payment through loan modification, short sales, and housing counseling.
 - Promoting home ownership through workshops and seminars in conjunction with banks, mortgage companies, attorneys and title companies.
- 1992–2003 **Cambodian American League of Lowell, Inc.** Lowell, MA
- **Executive Director** 60 Middlesex Street
 - Promoting home ownership among low income families. Working in conjunction with the Merrimack Valley Housing Partnership (MVHP).
 - Small business development and micro enterprise training and loan.
 - Overseeing the development & completion of a \$2.5 Million 24-unit of affordable housing at 60 Middlesex Street that was done in 2002.
- 1989–1992 **Lowell Institution for Savings** Lowell, MA
- **Assistant Treasury/Community Officer**
 - Business development in the Lowell Asian community.
 - Promoting bank products among Asian businesses and residents.
 - Small business development including retail lending and personal loan.
- 1986–1989 **Commonwealth of Mass** Boston, MA
- **Asian Safety Specialist** Executive Office of Public Safety
 - Promoting the trust of law enforcement personnel among Asian communities throughout the Commonwealth.
 - Organizing workshops within Asian communities and the law enforcement institutions to increase awareness of Asian culture and perceptions toward law enforcement personnel and vice versa.
 - Creating safety materials in various Asian languages for law enforcement to use to educate the communities.

Community involvement

- 2013 –2015 **Cambodia Town Committee** Lowell, MA
- **Secretary**
 - Capital campaign to raise fund to built Bayon statue at the corner of Middlesex and Branch St.
 - Promoting the mission, vision and goals of Lowell Cambodia Town.
 - Promoting business development, tourism within Cambodian Town neighborhood includes Chelmsford St., Westford St., Branch and Middlesex St.

- 1992 –2013 **Cambodia American League of Lowell, Inc.** Lowell, MA
 - **Board President**
 ■ Promoting community & economic development in the Cambodian community.
 ■ Promoting affordable housing for the low income families in Lowell.
 ■ Providing small business training and micro loan.
- January 2013 **Obama Presidential Inaugural Committee** Washington, D.C
 - **Group Leader/Volunteer**
 ■ Managing volunteers during President Obama second inauguration.
 ■ Providing access control with volunteers along inaugural parade routes.
- August 2012-
 Nov 2012 **Obama Presidential Campaign** Boston, MA
 - **Volunteer**
 ■ Providing support for Obama presidential campaign for second term including door to door canvassing, making phone calls, attending rally, helping other volunteers.
 ■ Providing other logistic as needed at the local levels.
- March 1995 **President Bill Clinton Summit on Asian Americans** Washington, D.C
 - **Attendee**
 ■ Key Asian American Leaders from across the country meeting with President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore in Lincoln's room at the White House advising the President and Vice President of issues facing Asian Americans.
- Nov. 22, 1991 **President Bush signing 1991 Civil Rights Act** Washington, D.C
 - **Attendee**
 ■ Attending the signing of the 1991 Civil Rights Act by President George H. W. Bush in the Rose Garden at the White House as the member of the State Advisory Committee of the US Commission on Civil Rights.
- Dec 1995 –
 Dec 2002 **Merrimack Valley Housing Partnership** Lowell, MA
 - **Board Member**
 ■ Providing first time home buyer seminars and assistance to low income families.
- Jan 1999 –
 April 2002 **Lowell Development & Finance Corporation** Lowell, MA
 - **Board Member**
- Dec 1995 –
 Jan. 2000 **Governor's Asian American Commission** Boston, MA
 - **Commissioner**

June 1994 – **Merrimack Repertory Theater** Lowell, MA
Jan. 1996 - **Trustee**

Sept 1994 – **The Harry H. Dow Memorial Fund** Boston, MA
April 1999 - **Trustee**

June 1993 – **South Cove Community Health Center** Boston, MA
Oct. 1994 - **Board Member**

July 1992 – **The Justice George Lewis Ruffin Society** Boston, MA
Sept. 1994 - **Board Member**

Oct. 1986 – **The US Commission on Civil Rights** Washington DC
March 1991 **Member of the State Advisory Committee (SAC)**

Education

1997–2001 **Massachusetts School of Law** Andover, MA
▪ Jurist Doctor Candidate

1985–1989 **University of Massachusetts** Boston, MA
▪ Bachelor of Art
Graduated with the Dean's Award for Outstanding Leadership and Academic Excellent

1960–1974 **Lycee Tuol Svay Prey** Phnom Penh, Cambodia
▪ Baccalaureate Part II

Awards

Oct 2018 ▪ Recognized in *Boston Agent* magazine's 2018 Who's Who in Residential Real Estate
Nov 2017 ▪ Top real estate agent in Massachusetts by Top Agent magazine
Dec 2014 ▪ Named Broker of the Year by the National Association of Realtors
April 2002 ▪ Cambodian American League of Lowell – Community Service Award
Sept 1995 ▪ National Attorney General Award for Outstanding work with youth
June 1993 ▪ University of Massachusetts/Boston – Dean's Award for outstanding Leadership and Academic Achievement
Feb 1992 ▪ Drylongso Award for Civil Rights

Professional Membership

Greater Lowell Chamber of Commerce, Asian Real Estate Association of America (AREAA), National of National Association of Realtors, National Association of Real Estate Brokers,