



COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION OF THE ETHICS IN GOVERNMENT ACT

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CAMPAIGN FINANCE & PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

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Name of complaint filer <i>Nathan Haase</i>	
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Identify person/entity you are complaining about

Name of person/entity being complained about <i>Cy Thao</i>	
Address <i>338 Aurora</i>	
City, state, zip <i>St Paul, MN, 55103</i>	
Title of respondent (if applicable) <i>House Representative 65A</i>	
Board/Department/Agency/District # (if legislator) <i>House Representative 65A</i>	



 Signature of person filing complaint

10/22/09

 Date

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False Statements: 2006 and 2008

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2006

Date:	Name and Full Address	Specific Purpose	CASH DISCLOSURE	Total
10/7/2006	Noel Lee 995 University Ave St Paul, MN 55104	Lawn Sign	\$2000	\$2000
10/7/2006	Fong Thao 448 Virginia St St Paul, MN 55103	Lawn Sign	\$500	\$500
10/7/2006	Keng Thao 448 Virginia St St Paul, MN 55103	Lawn Sign	\$500	\$500
10/20/2008	Sunee Thao 100 Wood St St Paul, MN 55107	Lawn Sign	\$500	\$500
10/20/2008	Fong Thao 446 Virginia St St Paul, MN 55103	Lawn Sign	\$500	\$500
12/1/2008	Keng Thao 446 Virginia St St Paul, MN 55103	Lawn Sign	\$500	\$500
				\$4500

The expenses listed above are by Cy Thao's own admission not for Lawn Sign. He stated to me on Tuesday October 20th that these expenses were in fact for "labor". He stated that he did not make signs but rather he paid individuals to put-out and pick-up signs and he did not dispute the fact that he had not made new signs since 2002. When further questioned whether he thought "\$2000 and one month worth of wages" as I put it was too much for helping to pick up signs he defended this cost by saying that "he" (Noel Lee) was also a campaign manager and coordinated the whole thing. The statement that these payments were for "Lawn Sign" are false as they were for labor and the details surrounding these payments highly suspect as Noel Lee is his campaign treasurer and the other two individuals Fong and Keng Thao are his nearest neighbors and of his cultural clan. This represents a violation of Minnesota Statute Chapter 10A.025 Sub 2. In addition the property that Keng and Fong are listed to living at is Sunlight Services property (which is owned by Cy Thao's wife) and Cy Thao's campaign office in 2008 which leads me to believe that the number of ways in which these payments could be embezzled are without end. These could be exaggerated payments in agreement to surrender security deposits, in return for increased rental payments, returned to Cy Thao as cash, and/or any number of ways. In addition I believe due to the fact that these individuals live in what is or was Sunlight Services property which is an assisted living service that there may be an employer employee relationship between Keng Thao, Fong Thao, and possibly Sunee Thao so these payments may also represent an annual bonus.

Date:	Name and Full Address	Specific Purpose	Cash	Total
10/7/2006	Leng Vang 1734 Ellingcourt Dr. #3 S Pasadena, CA 91030	design mail piece	\$1000	\$1000
10/24/2008	Leng Vang 1734 Ellingcourt Dr. #3 S Pasadena, CA 91030	lit design	\$2000	\$2000
				\$3000

The expense shown appears to be exaggerated as it was just in 2004 that he paid the same individual to design a mail piece and paid him 1/10th and 1/20th the amount he is paid in 2006 and 2008 respectively. This individual is also Cy Thao's brother-in-law and lives in California which makes this transaction highly suspect as he is paid ten times and twenty times the rate he paid in 2004 and he is paid once on 10/7/2006 the same date that payment were made to Noel Lee, Keng Thao, and Fong Thao. It is my belief that one or both of these payments are advances to be used in the next election, which is prohibited. In the worst case scenario these funds as well as the funds from any other individual could have have returned to Cy Thao personally constituting embezzlement or a misuse of state funds. It is also my understanding that the board has no power to subpoena the records of an individual out of the state of Minnesota to make a discovery of such actions impossible. I believe these payments are also deliberately made in excess of the market value of the services rendered to Cy Thao; and these payments also represents a violation of Minnesota Statute Chapter 10A.025 Sub 2.

Date:	Name and Full Address	Specific Purpose	Cash	Total
12/28/2008	Sunlight 448 Virginia St St Paul, MN 55103	Office Rental (1/08-12/08)	\$2000	\$2000
				\$2000

This property is owned by Cy Thao's close friend and business associate Bao Vang. This property was or is being rented by Sunlight Services. The actual existence of this property as a campaign office is also questionable, as his stated campaign advisor refused to answer the question of whether a campaign office existed. If it is also determined that these offices were the offices of his business and where not being used as storage for campaign material or the specific and unpolluted purpose of the campaign and the space rented by the campaign committee is not specifically determined as separate from the business then there is now way to determine whether the rental was not comingled with Sunlight's business use in the months prior to the campaign. I believe these payments also represents a violation of Minnesota Statute Chapter 10A.025 Sub 2.

Re: Lit design

From: **Leng Vang** <lvang21@gmail.com> Add to Contacts
 To: **Nathan Haase** <nhaase84@yahoo.com>

Sat, September 26, 2009 11:46:52 PM

Hi Nathan,

Yes, Cy Thao is my brother-in-law and Lee is my sister. As for the lit pieces, I'd be willing to go \$300 per piece if there are 10 or more. That is if they are roughly of the same size and type of work with pictures and text provided to me. I don't know what your schedule is, but I am booked and cannot start until roughly three weeks from now. Also I don't know if you are aware or not, but I live in South Pasadena, California, so everything will be done via email and or phone. Just wanted to let you know ahead so there won't be any surprises later on.

Regards,

Leng Vang

On Fri, Sep 25, 2009 at 10:21 AM, Nathan Haase <nhaase84@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hello, Leng

I like your work and I'm trying to narrow the bids. I want to make sure I give my committee all the information they need to make an informed decision. I understand that you are a friend of Cy Thao's from college or something, and is your sister or relative is his wife? (I just realized that you have the same last name as his wife Lee Vang) I don't think it would be problem but my committee would be glad to see that I did my homework. Are you open to counter offers as low as \$150 and \$300 per piece if we promised more work 10 pieces or more? We have people willing to do it for free but the work they did was not very good and we are looking to get a professional. Thanks for your consideration and I look forward to your reply and best of luck.

-Nathan Haase
 651-367-4209

--- On Thu, 9/24/09, Leng Vang <lvang21@gmail.com> wrote:

From: **Leng Vang** <lvang21@gmail.com>
 Subject: Re: Lit design
 To: "Nathan Haase" <nhaase84@yahoo.com>
 Date: Thursday, September 24, 2009, 6:08 PM

Hi Nathan,

Attached are the lit pieces I did for Cy Thao. I charge a flat rate of \$500 for 1 piece (both sides). I do three variations for you to choose from and include editing as necessary.

Thanks,

Leng Vang

On Thu, Sep 24, 2009 at 6:09 AM, Nathan Haase <nhaase84@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hello my name is Nathan Haase and I was told by a friend in the DFL that you did some political type lit design for Cy Thao. What would it cost us for you to design one piece of lit full page folded in half (we will need more later but to compare bids we're asking you too price just one piece). Could you send me anything you have that you've done for Representative Cy Thao or others since I don't see any of that type of work on your website.

Nathan Haase
 651-367-4209