



City of Seattle
Edward B. Murray
Mayor

July 15, 2014

The Honorable Tim Burgess
President, Seattle City Council
Seattle City Hall, 2nd Floor
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Council President Burgess:

I am pleased to transmit to the City Council the following confirmation packet for my appointment of Cuc Vu as the Director of the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs.

The materials in this packet are divided into two sections:

A. Cuc Vu

This section contains Cuc Vu's appointment and oath of office forms, her resume, and the press release announcing her appointment.

B. Background Checks

This section contains the Mayor's Office report on Cuc Vu's background check.

Cuc Vu came to the United States with her family in 1975 as a refugee of the Vietnam War, barely making it through the gates of Tan Son Nhat airport in Saigon as U.S. troops were evacuating Vietnamese refugees on the last day of the war. Following an uncle's advice, Vu's family chose Olympia, Washington as their new home. While her mother worked in a minimum-wage job for more than 20 years, Vu fulfilled her father's greatest wish – for his children to be the first generation in their family to graduate from college.

Vu carried the hopes of her parents on her shoulders and earned an undergraduate degree at Pomona College and a graduate degree as a Woodrow Wilson Fellow at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs. Vu most recently served as the first Chief Diversity Officer for the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) where she provided the vision and strategy to help the organization fulfill its stated commitment to diversity and inclusion. She has also worked at SEIU, AFL-CIO and the U.S. Department of Labor.

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It is our goal to establish Seattle as a leader in immigrant and refugee integration and create an environment that welcomes the participation and engagement of immigrants and refugees in all areas of Seattle. Cuc Vu is the perfect choice to lead the office in meeting those goals and I urge you to confirm her as the Director of the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs.

If you have any questions about the attached materials or need additional information, please contact Chris Gregorich of my office, at 206-386-1251, or via e-mail, at chris.gregorich@seattle.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward B. Murray". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Edward B. Murray
Mayor, City of Seattle