



Laotian American National Alliance Begins Leadership Transition Process Amid CEO Resignation *Board to Initiate CEO Search*

WASHINGTON, DC, February 16, 2016 – The Laotian American National Alliance (LANA), the premier resource dedicated to advancing the social, and economic well-being of Laotian Americans in the United States through civic participation and public policy advocacy, today announced that Sourichanh Chanthyasack has resigned as CEO effective Tuesday, February 16, 2016. The Board of Directors is launching a search process immediately to identify a successor. A search and transition plan has been developed and a committee is being established which will be led by Board Chair, Anasone Silivongxay. Mr. Chanthyasack, also known as “Sirch”, has led the organization since 2009, will continue in his role through [Month] in order to ensure a smooth transition.

“I’ve learned and grown so much on this 13 year LANA journey about myself and our community and the rich cultural history that makes each of us who we are today. It is through giving that is natural and fulfills our purpose and soul,” Mr. Chanthyasack wrote in his resignation letter to the LANA Board of Directors. “When leading, we take ownership of both good and bad, mistakes and successes; we put the organization and community above our own interests. Leading by example is good, but knowing when to lead and when to follow takes time and experience to understand.”

Mr. Chanthyasack will focus on raising his two children, Aaron and Ava, and seek other career opportunities in the nonprofit sector, specifically on the path of peace movement and global health, after spending 15 years in the financial services industry. He will remain on the LANA Board as the lead for Health (specifically viral hepatitis B) and Lao Veteran Recognition Advocate.

“On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to sincerely thank Sirch for his leadership, dedication and countless contributions to LANA,” said Ms. Silivongxay, LANA Chair and interim CEO. “As part of being a great leader we all have to learn to step down for others to carry the torch to move our organization and community forward. It is time for LANA to refocus on our mission and vision as a national organization that advocates for social and political equality for our community. Sirch has laid the foundation along with other leaders and now is the time for us to build on that foundation and become the advocacy organization for our community.”

The LANA Board of Directors has formed a search committee and will post the position announcement to help identify candidates as expeditiously as possible.

“The Board is most appreciative of Sirch’s dedication to LANA,” Ms. Silivongxay stressed. “I look forward to continuing to work with him to assure a smooth leadership transition.”



About Laotian American National Alliance, Inc.

The LAOTIAN AMERICAN NATIONAL ALLIANCE (LANA) is the premier resource and advocacy organization in the United States who strives to cultivate the strengths and leadership of all Laotian Americans comprising of the diverse ethnic communities from Hmong, Iu-Mien, Khmu, Lahu, Lao, Tai Lue, Phu Tai, Tai Dam, Tai Phuan and other descendants from Laos who make up the dynamic, collective Laotian American community. The mission, as a national organization, is dedicated to advancing the social, and economic well-being of Laotian Americans in the United States through civic participation and public policy advocacy. For more information, visit www.lana-us.org.

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