**Wat Lao Buddhavong**

**Candidate Application for Board of Director Position**

**Completed Form must be returned by October 10, 2024 to**:

Elections Committee

Wat Lao Buddhavong

P.O. Box 127

Haymarket, VA 20168

Phone: (703) 399-9469

Email: info@watlao-buddhavong.org

**Candidate Information (Must live in the Virginia, Maryland, Washington DC Area)**

| **First Name:** | **Last Name:** |
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| **Street Address:** | **City:** |
| **State:** | **Zip:** |
| **Phone:** | **Email:** |

**Eligibility Confirmation: (*Please make a check in each box to confirm eligibility)***

☐ I am a member of Wat Lao Buddhavong and reside in Washington, D.C., Maryland, or Virginia.

☐ I am at least 18 years old.

☐ I am of Lao descent or support the Lao community.

☐ I commit to respect the principles of Theravada Buddhism and support the temple’s role in preserving Lao culture.

☐ I agree to serve for either a 3 or 4 year term..

☐ If elected, I agree not to be a director of any other nonprofit entity.

☐ I have not been convicted of a felony in the past 10 years. However, if I was convicted of a felony longer than 10 years ago, I agree to disclose my felony conviction on this application form. Failure to disclose will result in my removal from the board of directors. I further understand and agree that this application form will be disclosed and/or distributed.

☐I agree that this candidate application may be distributed through any medium, including but not limited to the Wat Lao Buddhavong, Inc. website, Facebook page, and voting information pamphlets, without any redactions.

**Statement of Interest**

Please provide a brief statement (up to 500 words) explaining why you are interested in serving as a Board of Director and why you believe you are an ideal candidate for this position. Include your qualifications, experience, and any connection to Lao heritage or Buddhist practices. (use additional pages if needed):

**Acknowledgment and Signature:**

I hereby certify that the information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false statements or omissions may result in disqualification from consideration. I agree to adhere to the bylaws and election procedures set forth by Wat Lao Buddhavong. **I hereby waive, release, and discharge any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of action, damages, liabilities, and costs (including attorney’s fees) that I may have now or in the future against Wat Lao Buddhavong, Inc., its directors, officers, volunteers, and agents arising directly or indirectly from the distribution, publication, or use of this form. I further agree not to assert or pursue any claims of any kind in connection with the foregoing**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_