

SJ District 4 City Council Candidate Chu Calls For Apology From Opponent Lien Following False Accusations in Mailer

Chu Also Reveals Lien Still Owes Outstanding Taxes on Failed Business

San Jose, CA – San Jose District Four City Council candidate Kansan Chu sent a letter to his opponent, Hon Lien, today insisting that she publicly apologize and correct grossly inaccurate statements made in her mail piece received by voters this week. Chu also revealed that Lien has an unpaid tax lien of more than \$7,000 outstanding against a business she brought into bankruptcy last year.

In the letter, Chu asks Lien to send a letter to the same voters next week admitting her mistake and setting the record straight:

“I was recently given a mailer distributed and paid for by your campaign that had numerous inaccurate accusations about tax liens being taken out against one of my business interests. These statements simply aren’t true. As you could have easily determined, the liens you refer to in your mailer were for the previous owner and had nothing to do with me or my family. We have always paid our taxes and settled our debts..”

“As I am sure that you don’t want to intentionally mislead the people of San Jose, I am asking you to set the record straight by mailing a letter to the same people who received this mailer and explain to them that your information was inaccurate and that no liens were ever applied to my business.”

In May of 1989 Chu purchased the Ocean Harbor Restaurant from Ocean Harbor Inc., a company with which he had no association. After buying the restaurant Chu formed his new company called Ocean Harbor 2889, Inc.

In a campaign mail piece Hon Lien claimed that Chu had five tax liens totaling over \$20,000 in the late 1980’s. A simple search of the Santa Clara County Tax Assessor’s website show’s the tax liens listed were in fact against Ocean Harbor, Inc., not Chu’s company. In fact all of the tax infractions happened before the company was sold to Chu and his investors.

While her accusations against Chu proved false, a second quick search of the SC Tax Assessor’s website shows an unpaid tax lien of over \$7,000 to the Golden Phoenix Enterprises, Inc. – a company owned by Hon Lien until it went bankrupt last year.

All back up documentation from the Secretary of State and the Santa Clara Tax Assessor’s office is available upon request. Kansan Chu is available for comment at 408-806-3129.

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