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Dear Friends & Neighbors:

I'm excited to announce that plans are underway for the 2019 Alief International Lunar New Year Parade. With the collaboration of the Vietnamese Civic Center, this wonderful celebration will be held in Houston for the sixth consecutive year. I sincerely hope you will join us.

The 2019 Alief International Lunar New Year Parade will take place on Saturday, February 9, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. along Bellaire Blvd between Cook and Turtlewood. Line-up begins at 8:30 a.m.

Lunar New Year is incredibly important to the Houston Asian-American community. It is a special time for us to reunite with family, renew special friendships, remember the past and prepare for the future. The 2019 Alief International Lunar New Year Parade will give us the opportunity to celebrate as a city and share our culture and good wishes with all the residents of Houston. It will be a fun and rewarding event for all.

I have been working closely with the Vietnamese Civic Center and the City of Houston to organize this event, but we need your help to make the parade a great success. We are asking businesses, community leaders and other residents to participate in the parade and/or sponsor the event. The entry fee to participate in the parade is \$150. For sponsorships of \$500 to \$5,000 or more, the entry fee will be waived. Every dollar will be used to make the event fun and rewarding for all residents. If you wish to sponsor but not participate in the parade, please send a check made payable to Vietnamese Civic Center at this address:

Vietnamese Civic Center, Attention: Parade, 11360 Bellaire Blvd. #880, Houston, TX 77072.

Thank you for your continued support. The information about participating in the parade is attached to this letter. My office is available to help with questions or concerns. We look forward to seeing you at the parade!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hubert Vo".

Hubert Vo



The 2019 Alief International Lunar New Year Parade

Saturday, February 9, 2019

Parade starts at 10:00 a.m. Lineup begins at 8:30 a.m.

PARADE LINEUP LOCATION

Parade begins at the Hastings 9th Grade Center parking lot at 6750 Cook Rd.

Parade ends at the Kim Son Restaurant parking lot at 10603 Bellaire Blvd.

Parade Application

Group/Organization/Individual: _____

Contact Person: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Entry Classification

School Group: Marching Band___ ROTC___ Drill Team___ Other___

Vehicle: Car___ Van___ Pickup Truck___ Float___ Walking Group___

Details _____

Approx. Number of Riders/Walkers/Dancers: _____ Music? __Yes __No

****Please attach a sheet of paper with information about the organization and entry so that it can be announced from the viewing stand during the parade.**

Entry Fee

*The entry fee to participate is \$150.

*Entry fee is waived for sponsorships of \$500 to \$5,000.

*Businesses may place banners along the parade route for sponsorships of \$500 to \$1,000.

Important Information

***Registration deadline is February 1, 2019.**

*Please be aware of lineup location.

*Please mail the following to Vietnamese Civic Center, Attention: Parade, 11360 Bellaire Blvd #880, Houston, TX 77072:

1. Parade application (this page).
2. Information about the organization and entry for announcement during the parade.
3. A signed hold harmless agreement (see next page).
4. A check payable to Vietnamese Civic Center.
5. Proof of insurance. **If you are using a vehicle, you must also provide proof of insurance for all vehicles used in the parade.**

We will contact you by email when your application is approved. We will email line-up information a week before the parade.

Signature

Date

**Contact Edith Rodriguez at (281) 988-0212 edith.rodriguez@house.texas.gov, Kelly Nguyen at (281) 541- 7970 or Tien Dinh at (713) 298-1417 for assistance.

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PARADE PARTICIPANT HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT WAIVER, INDEMNIFICATION AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

The undersigned _____ (insert name of individual, group or business entity serving as the applicant for this event) (hereafter "Applicant"), has read, understands and agrees to the rules, terms and conditions under which Applicant (individually or in its capacity as the agent or representative for the entity named below) will be allowed to participate in the 2019 Alief International Lunar New Year Parade ("Parade"), to be held Saturday, February 9, 2019 and understands and is aware of all possible damage or loss from whatever causes that may arise from participating in the Parade, and agrees to assume all risks in connection with participating in the Parade. In consideration for being allowed to participate in the Parade, the undersigned Applicant, individually or in the capacity stated below, agrees on behalf of Applicant, its officers, employees, volunteers, guests, agents, heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, to forever release, discharge, hold harmless, indemnify, and waive any and all claims and causes of action of any nature or kind whatever against the Vietnamese Civic Center, its employees, officials, officers, agents, spokespersons, representatives, sponsors, and governmental official or representative of any political subdivision of the State of Texas, for any and all claims, liabilities, damages, costs, expenses (including attorney's fees), demands, or causes or rights of action of whatever kind or name either in law or in equity caused by any event, activity, accident or incident occurring as a result of, or arise from, Applicant, or its members, officers, partners, employees, agents, volunteers, invitees and guests participation in the Parade.

APPLICANT: _____

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

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Parade Rules

1. No throwing anything from the parade to the audience. This includes candy, beads, toys or paper.
2. No alcohol.
3. No smoking on or near any floats at any time.
4. Political campaigning is not permitted in or during the parade, including the display of political signs or the distribution of campaign materials and/or literature before, during or after the parade.
5. Parade will be held rain or shine.
6. You must check in no later than 8:30 a.m. at the Information Booth.
7. All parade participants must be in line and ready no later than 9:30 a.m., or they will be put at the end of the line.
8. Handouts are not allowed along the parade route without approval from the Committee.
9. The parade route map will be emailed to each participating group a week before the parade.
10. Parade participants must maintain at least 30 feet distance from other parade entries.
11. No concealed handguns or firearms allowed except for Law Enforcement personnel.
12. Sound system permit must be obtained from the City of Houston.