West Central Germantown Neighbors

Character Reference for Mr. Anou Vongbandith

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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the West Central Germantown Neighbors (WCGN), we are writing to express our strong support for Mr. Anou Vongbandith and his wife Ms. Anh Vongbandith. Anh is the owner of Das Good Café on Chelten Avenue and Tipsy Cafe on Germantown Avenue, Anou is the head chef. They function as a team, partners in life and in business. We respectfully request that his and his wife's significant contributions to the Germantown community be given full consideration in connection with his detention by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Mr. and Mrs. Vongbandith have long been valued members of our neighborhood. They have created a welcoming and inclusive space that reflects the best of Germantown's community spirit. Beyond their business success, they are known for their generosity and civic commitment—regularly donating to community fridges, organizing annual Thanksgiving meal distributions, and supporting neighborhood initiatives that strengthen our shared sense of belonging.

Anou and Ahn are regarded throughout West Central Germantown as kind, dependable, and community-minded individuals. Anou's absence has been felt deeply by residents, customers, fellow small business owners, and surely by his family. We believe that his return would restore not only a dedicated business partner but also a neighbor who contributes daily to the vitality and cohesion of our community.

The undersigned are board members of the West Central Germantown Neighbors, representing residents and businesses across our section of Germantown. We stand together in affirming Mr. Vongbandith's good character and urging consideration of his release so that he may return to his family and continue his positive role in our community. Should any additional information be required, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

On behalf of the West Central Germantown Neighbors (WCGN) Board:

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