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Prior to her current role, Thao expanded the grassroots non-profit Hmong Innovating Politics from Sacramento to Fresno by serving as their Central Valley Civic Engagement Director from 2017 to 2019. From 2014 to 2017, she served as a Lead Political Community Organizer for Service Employees International Union Local 521, based in the Central Valley.

Thao is a proud aunt to many nieces and nephews and honors her mother, Ka Vue, as the most resilient person she knows; and a continuing example of how to be a better person each and every day.

**About the Census:**

California has launched a statewide effort to ensure an accurate and complete count of its residents in the 2020 census. This is unprecedented investment in a statewide education campaign. To reach more than 11 million of the hardest-to-count Californians, the Census Office has tapped local and tribal governments, community-based organizations, and so many more partners to serve as trusted messengers in our communities.

**Key Dates:**

- **Mid-March – July 2020** = Self Response Period – Fill out your form online!
- **August – October 2020** = Non-Response Follow-Up – Enumerators will knock on your door!