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**STATEMENT: LOREN TAYLOR ON SHENG THAO COURT APPEARANCE AND
NEED TO RESTORE PUBLIC TRUST**

“Recalled-Mayor Sheng Thao is in court today facing charges for public corruption and bribery along with the Duong family who sought favorable treatment for city contracts.

Meanwhile, upwards of a 100 city workers, many from public works and the police department, received layoff notices this week. Programs like ‘Meals On Wheels’ that elders depend on also lost critical funding.

This political corruption and the state of our City aren’t two separate issues. They are symptoms of the same cancer.

And this cancer must be removed because the public has lost trust in city government. I’m calling on all East Bay officials including my opponent in the upcoming special election, Former Congresswoman Barbara Lee, who have received money from the Duong family to donate those funds to charity.

We must demonstrate to residents that we have learned from these events and that the public can trust us to lead Oakland during the difficult time that lies ahead.”

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Former City of Oakland Councilmember and Mayoral candidate Loren Taylor proudly represented Oakland's District 6 for 4 years. Taylor received the most first place votes in the 2022 mayor's race, placing second, with just 677 votes behind Mayor Sheng Thao who was recalled in 2024. He lives in East Oakland with his wife of 20 years, Dr. Erica Taylor and their two children.

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