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**District 2 City Councilor, Candy Mero-Carlson, Addresses Claims by At-Large City
Councilor Thu Nguyen**

This afternoon, District 2 City Councilor and Chair of Economic Development, Candy Mero-Carlson, issued the following statement in response to claims made by At-Large City Councilor Thu Nguyen:

"Throughout my career—as an activist, a member of the Democratic State Committee, a former Chair of the Worcester Democratic City Committee, and a dedicated public servant—I have worked tirelessly to champion equal rights and advance LGBTQ+ policies. My lifelong commitment has been to foster a community where every resident feels safe, valued, and included—not just in Worcester, but across the Commonwealth and our nation.

While I do not recall making the statements in question, I acknowledge that it was a challenging and emotional week where difficult conversations took place. These claims, however, misrepresent my character, my record, and the values I have consistently upheld. It is deeply troubling that Councilor Nguyen has chosen to distort the narrative and weaponize these accusations for political purposes, rather than engaging in constructive dialogue that serves the best interests of Worcester's residents.

It's no secret that Councilor Nguyen and I approach public service differently. This year, Councilor Nguyen has the lowest attendance record of any City Councilor—a striking contrast to my near-perfect attendance and presence at meetings and events across the city nearly every night of the week. My focus has always been on showing up for our community, listening to constituents, and delivering results. Unfortunately, Councilor Nguyen's approach seems more centered on sowing chaos and division, rather than collaboration or addressing the real needs of our city.

I am not surprised by their actions given their consistent support for my opponent in the last election and their apparent determination to prioritize political agendas each week over the pressing work we are elected to do. Worcester residents deserve leadership that rises above small-minded politics and remains focused on progress and unity.

I remain committed to the work that truly matters—creating opportunities and making Worcester a stronger, more inclusive city for all. I will not be distracted by unfounded attacks or divisive rhetoric."

Candy Mero-Carlson, District 2 City Councilor