



Member Spotlight Application

NACCED will profile a member every month on the website. If you are interested in being profiled, please provide a picture and complete the application below. Member Spotlights will be posted for one month and then archived on the website. Thanks for your time and consideration!

1. Name/Title/Organization:

Morgan Chee, Planner, Travis County Health and Human Services & Veterans Service

2. Length of Time Involved with NACCED & any leadership roles held:

I only just joined NACCED this year and have not held any leadership roles yet. Travis County has been a member since 2007.

3. Brief summary of education, work experience or personal details you'd like to share:

I received my Bachelor of Arts degree in Urban Studies and Planning from the University of California, San Diego and my Master of Arts Degree in Urban Planning from the University of California, Los Angeles. Before starting work in community development I worked in historic preservation and urban design.

4. How long have you worked in the Affordable Housing, Economic and Community Development Field, and why did you choose it?

I have previously worked for a Business Improvement District in Pacific Beach, California and the City of Oakland's redevelopment agency; however, this is my first opportunity working in a federal grant setting. I decided to pursue work in the Economic and Community Development Field to become more involved in the community as well as enable and encourage grassroots planning.

5. What is the most rewarding part of your work?

The most rewarding part of working in community development within Travis County is being able to coordinate and execute infrastructure projects that benefit individuals and the community as a whole.

6. What is the most challenging?

Having the time and resources to do all the projects that are needed in the County is a huge challenge that we face every day.

7. If you weren't doing this type of work, what would you be doing?

And if I were rich too? That can be part of this question as well, right? If I were rich AND not doing this type of work I would be travelling the world and encouraging less privileged individuals and families through art and love. Can you all tell I grew up in Berkeley yet?

8. Why do you value your NACCED membership?

Seeing as though I just joined NACCED and am fairly new to the economic and community development field, I value this association mostly for the opportunity to learn more about the many aspects of this profession. I'm also excited to meet most of the members at the upcoming conference in Los Angeles and be on my old stomping ground for a bit!

9. Favorite Quote:

"We enjoy warmth because we have been cold. We appreciate light because we have been in darkness. By the same token, we can experience joy because we have known sadness."

— David Weatherford