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To Whom It May Concern:

I applaud Hunger at Home for their tremendous efforts providing accessible food and resources to individuals suffering from hunger in our city. As mayor of San José, I see all too often many vulnerable people in our community who do not have a stable source of sustenance.

Organizations like Hunger at Home are the solution to ending hunger in our local communities and across the United States.

Silicon Valley is one of the wealthiest regions in the nation, yet 44% of children living in Santa Clara County suffer from hunger and 1 in 4 Bay Area children live below the poverty line. The situations of the children that make up these statistics are exacerbated by low-income neighborhoods without grocery stores with fresh fruits and vegetables at affordable prices. Hunger at Home plays a pivotal role in identifying these individuals and removing obstacles that often prevent them from receiving aid. In addition, by educating people on healthy and nutritional lifestyles, Hunger at Home provides immediate and lasting tools for people to access healthy food choices.

I am grateful to Hunger at Home for donating over one million meals to nonprofits in our city such as the Down Street Teams, Martha's Kitchen, and the Bill Wilson Center. Without Hunger at Home, those who depend on these organizations for their next meal might not have been able to secure food elsewhere. Hunger at Home hosts their 3rd annual gala "Bridging the Gap" on November 18, 2016, raising critically needed funds to continue their programs and I'm honored to support the event and their great work.

I commend Hunger at Home and wish them great success in all their future endeavors. The astonishing job they have done providing resources, education and healthy meals will have a lasting impact on many of our most vulnerable people in San José.

Sincerely,



Sam Liccardo

Mayor