

RE: Letter of Support for Hunger at Home

August 18, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

As San José's Councilmember representing District 3, I am writing in support of our local nonprofit Hunger at Home, and their efforts. Hunger at Home has done a tremendous job at reaching out to vulnerable communities and creating awareness about the hunger crisis. Since 2014, this exceptional organization has provided up to 1.9 million meals to San Jose residents suffering from hunger, homelessness, and malnutrition. Hunger at Home's proactive approach in providing services to those in need has helped the City of San José at a time when the cost of housing and homelessness are at an all-time high. District 3 is highly impacted by homeless encampments and many of the individuals living at these encampments do not have food. The City of San José does our best to provide community resources to people struggling, however, it is limited in some areas. We count on our partner organizations to help struggling individuals when the city is unable to.

Along with their efforts to provide their clients with prepared meals, Hunger at Home has demonstrated its willingness to serve additional clients by collaborating with Local Nonprofits. Through collaboration, different charities and nonprofits have benefitted from the donations Hunger at Home has provided; such donations include household items and furniture.

In addition to providing donations, Hunger at Home has held events for their members and charity partners. In the past year, the organization has hosted multiple events like the Down Town Streets Team Christmas Celebration, the Hunger at Home Second Harvest Volunteer Lunch, and the Spring Festival Event. The success of all of the events is demonstrated by the amount of participation received, ranging from 300 to 350 participants. With the amount of clients that are being served every year, I am confident that Hunger at Home will continue to affect the lives of many. I am honored to support the great work of Hunger at Home and I look forward to their future in the City of San José.

Sincerely,



Raul Peralez,
Councilmember, District 3
City of San José