

August 15, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Letter of Support for Hunger at Home

As San Jose's City Councilmember representing District 7, I am writing in support of our local nonprofit, Hunger at Home and its efforts. Hunger at Home's important work links our hospitality community with local charitable agencies to aid our community's hungry and homeless.

In Santa Clara County alone there are over seven thousand people living on our streets and in their cars. The number of beds available in the entire county for the homeless is 1,200. This is only 17% of what is needed to shelter our population. In addition, it is estimated that one in four people in the United States will face food insecurity. In many areas of our prosperous county, that rate is one in three.

To date, Hunger at Home and its partners have successfully donated over 1.9 million meals to local nonprofits. Beneficiaries of these surplus meals have been Bill Wilson Center, Martha's Kitchen, Salvation Army and the Down Street Teams. In addition to meals, Hunger at Home has undertaken the procurement and distribution of supplies like flatware, dishes, bedding, appliances and gym equipment to further serve those in need in our community.

I am honored to support the great work of Hunger at Home. The strides this organization has made matching food-donor organizations to hunger-charity partners, while raising awareness of the challenges many in our community are enduring and has been incredible. We all need Hunger at Home to continue its important work, and to grow.

Sincerely,



Tam Nguyen
Councilmember, District 7
City of San Jose