

August 10, 2016

RE: Letter of Support for Hunger at Home

To Whom It May Concern:

I am the Councilmember for District 2 in the City of San José, and I am writing to express my support for Hunger at Home and its efforts to reach out to vulnerable communities and create awareness about the hunger crisis.

Despite a growing economy and the impression of wealth and prosperity often associated with Silicon Valley, more than 200,000 people living in Santa Clara County are currently facing food insecurity. Hunger at Home further educates the community on health and nutrition in their everyday lives, and unites our diverse community in recognition of hunger, homelessness and malnutrition as an international concern, while creating an immediate focus locally.

To date, Hunger at Home has donated more than 1.9 million surplus meals to local non-profits like the Bill Wilson Center and the Downtown Street Team. Additionally, the organization has undertaken the donation and distribution of supplies like flatware, dishes, bedding and appliances between its partners, including gym equipment donated by the historic Hayes Mansion located in my district.

I have had the privilege of lending my support to this dedicated organization and understand the great strides the organization has made in matching donor partners and charity partners together, while raising both funds and awareness of the real challenges for many families and their children struggling to find their next meal. It is imperative in today's world to increase access to resources for all and connect excess food to communities in need.

As a member of the City Council, I am committed to the health and well-being of all San José residents and I believe that Hunger at Home is dedicated to improving the quality of life for our community and building a stronger Bay Area.

Sincerely,



Ash Kalra
Councilmember, District 2
City of San José