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## Madison Nguyen takes new gig with Hunger at Home

Ex vice mayor will be executive director



With her husband Terry Tran, left, Madison Nguyen, arrives at her election night party for results in her race for California's 27th Assembly District, Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2016, in San Jose, Calif. (Karl Mondon/Bay Area News Group)

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Former San Jose Vice Mayor **Madison Nguyen** did not expect to be hunting for a job at this stage of her career. After the primary in June 2016, she looked like an easy victor over **Ash Kalra** in the race for the 27th Assembly District.

But Kalra, employing devastating mailers about San Jose police shortages, came from behind to beat Nguyen in November. And we can report that she has now landed a job as executive director with a valley nonprofit, Hunger at Home.

Here at IA, we're told on good authority that the Hunger at Home people were well down the path toward hiring another executive director when Nguyen interviewed with three board members and moved to the forefront.

The Hunger at Home people, who arrange for surplus food from banquets and special events to be donated to the needy, sent out a release that glowed with mutual flattery.

"We are beyond excited to have Ms. Nguyen join our team," said **Ewell Sterner**, who founded the organization with his son, Casidy.

Nguyen, in turn, said she was grateful for the chance "to work and lead an organization that focuses on some of the most pressing issues of our time."

But insiders don't expect Nguyen to give up all political aspirations: The state Senate seat of Democrat **Jim Beall** opens up in 2020. And the supervisory seat of **Dave Cortese** will be vacant the same year. A stint with a respected nonprofit will not hurt her.

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