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ITEM: 18-780(2-2)

# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
**FROM:** Councilmember Tam Nguyen  
**SUBJECT:** REQUEST FOR TRAVEL  
**DATE:** May 17, 2018

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**APPROVED**  **DATE:** 5/17/2018

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**Recommendation:** Authorize travel for Councilmember Tam Nguyen to San Diego, California on June 29-June 30, 2018 to visit and tour Dreams for Change, Father Joe's Villages, Veterans Village of San Diego and The Alpha Project.

**Location:** San Diego, California  
<http://www.dreamsforchange.org>  
<https://my.neighbor.org/>  
<https://www.alphaproject.org/>  
<http://vvsd.net/>

**Meeting Dates:** June 29, 2018 to June 30, 2018

**Source of Funds:** Council District 7 Funds

**Purpose:** Meet the president and staff of the nonprofit organizations, visit and tour the safe parking program and the industrial tent bridge housing sites. Observe, learn and apply these same models to combat homelessness in the City of San Jose.

The San Diego Housing Commission and City Council approved a \$6.5 million contract with three providers to operate the industrial tents/bridge housing for seven months beginning Dec. 11, 2018. The Alpha Project received \$2.8 million to operate a 350-bed tent. Father Joe's Villages received \$1.3 million to operate a tent for 150 family members and Veterans Village of San Diego received \$1.9 million to operate a tent for 200 veterans.

**Dreams for Change** is a nonprofit organization that provides a safe parking program for homeless individuals and families.

**Father Joe's Villages** is San Diego's largest homeless services provider which offers a wide variety of housing and services and is committed to preventing and ending homelessness one life at a time.

**The Alpha Project** was founded in 1986 as a simple project offering work opportunities for homeless men, today Alpha Project operates numerous programs serving over 4,000 people daily. The agency has created over 600 units of affordable rental housing projects and has sponsored home ownership programs.

**Veterans Village of San Diego** was founded by a group of Vietnam veterans to help their comrades who were sleeping on the streets, under bridges and in parks, struggling with the traumas of war. From this modest beginning, the organization has evolved over the past three decades into a nationally-recognized, non-governmental organization known for delivering innovative services to veterans.