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From: Hatefas Yop <hatefasy@cambodianfamily.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2021 5:12 PM
To: eComment
Subject: Public Comment

Hello City Council of Santa Ana,

My name is Hatefas Yop, I am a Community Organizer at The Cambodian Family Community Center based in Santa Ana. I am also a resident in Santa Ana, CA.

Please see my public comment below in regards to asking the City Budget to approve the Revive Santa Ana Spending Priorities to include funding for a Vietnamese Community Liaison.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to share our support.

The Cambodian Family Community Center is in support of asking the City Budget to approve the Revive Santa Ana Spending Priorities to include allocated funding for a Vietnamese Community Liaison. The staff report indicates a potential part time position with an annual salary of \$60k. However, TCF understands as a predominately API/ Refugee Serving organization founded under the umbrella of Southeast Asian diasporic history-- which includes not only Vietnamese but also Khmer, Cham, Laotians refugee resettlement, that there is an increase in need for this continued community bridge. Under the pandemic, TCF has worked extensively with the County of Orange API Task Force which includes various API serving organizations such as Southland Integrated Services and Korean Community Services to name of few. The API Task Force came together to address health disparities within the monolingual speaking API communities. With our involvement in this work, the API Task force became a trusted entity for community members especially when it came to addressing Race-Based Hate among API. As an organization that is founded on the foundation to improve the social, mental, and physical well being of our communities, TCF fully emphasizes the need for the City of Santa Ana to have a Vietnamese community Liaison. Only west of Santa Ana's Riverbed resides a large number of Vietnamese speaking communities who, like our Cambodian refugee clients, arrived fleeing war and trauma in their homelands. Surpassing 4 decades since the Refugee Resettlement Act of 1980, many Southeast Asian community members, in the City of Santa Ana, which is predominately Latinx, still are facing disparities accessing basic needs such as access to quality healthcare in their native language, housing insecurities with many living in multi-family homes, mental health resources to address PTSD. These listed disparities are one of many that pertain to the Southeast Asian community here in Santa Ana, therefore TCF emphasizes and understands the work within the community cannot be limited to part-time allocated hours. TCF understands the hours it requires to build trusted relationships with community members and community partners.

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From: Sergio Garcia <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2021 4:34 PM
To: eComment
Subject: Make the Deportation Defense Fund Permanent and Increase it to \$300,000

City Clerk ,

Dear Mayor Sarmiento and Santa Ana City Council Members,

I urge you to expand the city's Deportation Defense Fund by allocating funding every year at the level of \$300,000 starting in this FY 2021-2022 budget and making the program

Since the establishment of the legal representation fund in 2017, the city has provided critical legal defense to 46 Santa Ana residents facing detention and deportation. In doing so, the city has been committed to ensuring the right to due process for immigrants and refugees.

I urge you to continue this commitment to immigrant human rights in the city of Santa Ana by making this a permanent program and increasing the funding to \$300,000 a year.

Thank you.

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From: Susana Cruz <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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Thank you.

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