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County of Santa Clara
Supervisory District Three



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DATE: February 6, 2024

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Otto Lee, Supervisor

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REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The South Vietnamese Navy Veterans - NorCal hosted the "Hoang Sa Truong Sa" event in San Jose on January 21, 2024. It commemorated the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of the Paracel Islands between mainland China and South Vietnam. This event was instructive for Vietnamese youth to understand their history, culture, and connect to older generations. For the older adults, this was an opportunity to meet and greet and maintain a healthy social life which will help prevent social isolation and loneliness. The event brought community and families together through food and entertainment while sharing resources.

The event sponsorship will help cover the cost of facility rental and food.

BACKGROUND

The South Vietnamese Navy Veterans – NorCal is a registered 501(c)3 organization based in Santa Clara County. The organization was founded in April 2017 to help the veterans of the Republic of Vietnam Navy and assist local government agencies in connecting with Vietnamese veterans who may not be proficient in English. Their mission is to create a safe and healthy environment for Vietnamese elderly to gather, socialize, and share their wisdom

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and experience with the younger generation.