TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Councilmember Tam Nguyen

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: August 7, 2017

SUBJECT: Amendment to Title 20 - Zoning Code for Assembly Use Temporary and Incidental Shelter for the Homeless.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve staff recommendations.

2. Direct staff to work in conjunction with council offices to promote temporary and incidental shelter uses city-wide. This should include media ads, press releases, council and other newsletters, social media, and other means of providing awareness, education, and outreach.

DISCUSSION:

The City of San Jose is on the cusp of implementing innovative and groundbreaking ways of serving and housing our most vulnerable residents. By approving Temporary and Incidental Shelter uses we are supporting the success of the Winter Faith Collaborative and helping them to provide locations not just for overnight shelter, but for safe parking, food donations, drop-in supplies, and a host of other services our volunteer community provides. Their success so far has been exemplary and deserving of our support.

In the past year and a half, the Winter Faith Collaborative has engaged over 75 faith communities resulting in the sheltering of 700 individuals in 25 places of worship. To continue this work, a “Shelter Outreach Initiative” is needed to reach all possible locations. We should do our part in outreaching to the community and letting them know of all this past success and that we wish to see it broadened. I ask our staff and my colleagues to work through all forms of media and networks they are a part of to spread these efforts to not just our faith based community, but all eligible assembly locations. The success of this program will only be as great as the support and outreach we put into it.