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To: Darlene Bloom, Clerk of the Board

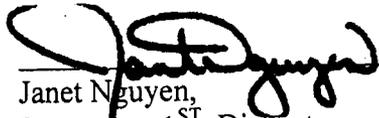
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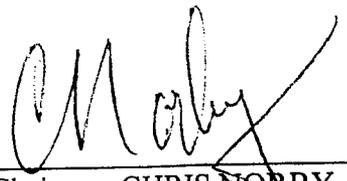
From: Supervisor Janet Nguyen, First District

SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA ITEM FOR NOVEMBER 20, 2007  
NAM LOC NGUYEN

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Please add this resolution to the Board consent calendar agenda for the Nam Loc Nguyen

  
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Janet Nguyen,  
Supervisor 1<sup>ST</sup> District

  
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Chairman CHRIS NORBY  
Orange County Board of Supervisors, 4<sup>th</sup> District

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Whereas, Mr. Nam Loc Nguyen was a renowned musician and singer in the Republic of Vietnam during the 1960's; after the fall of Saigon, he became a refugee, and in 1975 was evacuated to Camp Pendleton, in California, where he volunteered with the Red Cross and with the Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, helping the resettlement of other refugees at that camp; and

Whereas, during the first few months of living in the United States he wrote a song called "Farewell, Saigon" that became an international hit within the Vietnamese community; however, rather than going back to his profession, Mr. Nam Loc decided to work for the Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, where he currently serves as the director of the Immigration and Refugee Department, in order to help his fellow countrymen and other refugees from different parts of the world including Cambodia, Laos, Ethiopia, Iran, and Bosnia; and

Whereas, in 2003, Mr. Nam Loc was recognized at the National Migration Conference, held in Washington, D.C., for over a quarter of a century of service and advocacy on behalf of immigrants and refugees and for actively engaging and having a good relationship with government agencies, the United States Congress, non-governmental organizations, affected communities, the broadcast media, and the general public; and

Whereas, Mr. Nam Loc has also received commendations from former California Governor Pete Wilson as well as various public and private agencies for his work in helping to settle approximately 5,000 new immigrant arrivals annually in California legally; in 2004 Mr. Nam Loc was selected by *The Orange County Register* as one of the "Thirty to Watch, Leaders of the Future;" and

Whereas, Mr. Nam Loc's life was the subject of a recently released independent film, "Green Dragon," based on his experiences as a refugee more than 30 years ago; he also works as a broadcaster, hosting a weekly public education activities television show and a nationally broadcast radio talk show; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS congratulates Mr. Nam Loc Nguyen on this recent honor and commends him for his decades of commitment to public service, helping immigrants and refugees from all over the world.