



# Memorandum

**To:** Mayor & City Council

**From:** Councilmember Madison P. Nguyen

**Subject:** Approval to Travel

**Date:** January 22, 2007

Approved:

*Madison P. Nguyen*

Date: 1-22-2007

## RECOMMENDATION

Approval of the following travel request:

**Authorization for:** Councilmember Madison P. Nguyen

**Speaking Engagement:** Panelist speaker at 13<sup>th</sup> Annual National Asian Pacific American Conference on Law and Public Policy at Harvard University

**Travel dates:** Harvard University, Boston, MA-----March 2-3, 2007

**Source of funds:** Asian Pacific American Law Students Association at Harvard Law School  
[www.apalsa.org](http://www.apalsa.org)

### **Purpose:**

Participate as a panelist at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual National Asian Pacific American Conference on Law and Public Policy at Harvard University entitled, "Finding Our Voice: Empowering APA Involvement in Law and Public Policy."

This panel seeks to explore the changing roles of Asian Americans in the legislative, judicial, and public policy sector. Other panelists include prominent Asian American scholars, judges, and elected officials to share their personal experiences as leaders in their respective fields, as well as reflect on Asian American involvement in law and public policy as well as sharing my experiences as the first Vietnamese American to serve on the San José City Council and the first Vietnamese woman elected to public office in Northern California.

Since 1995, the APALSA conference has been the premier conference on law and policy issues relevant to Asian Pacific Americans and reflects a wide range of viewpoints, delving into salient legal themes and substantive policy on international, national, and local levels. This conference is popular with students from a broad array of graduate level disciplines, including law, business, public policy, and education. Last year, over 400 legal professionals, academics, and law students from schools such as Harvard, Columbia, Duke, Georgetown, and U.C. Berkeley attended the conference.

## COORDINATION

This memo was coordinated with the City Attorney's Office.

cc: City Clerk  
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