



# Memorandum

**To:** Rules Committee                      **From:** Councilmember Madison P. Nguyen  
**Subject:** Approval to Travel              **Date:** October 13, 2006

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Approved *Madison P. Nguyen*

Date: 10/13/2006

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## RECOMMENDATION

Approval of the following travel request:

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

**Speaking Engagement:** Keynote speaker at Vietnamese Association of Illinois 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner

**Travel dates:** Chicago, Illinois-----December 1-3, 2006

**Source of funds:** Vietnamese Association of Illinois  
[www.vietnamese-illinois.org](http://www.vietnamese-illinois.org)

### **Purpose:**

To provide the Keynote address at Vietnamese Association of Illinois 30<sup>th</sup> annual dinner in Chicago, Illinois.

Established in 1976, Vietnamese Association of Illinois (VAI) is a non-profit, community-based mutual assistance association (MAA), an agency founded by and for Vietnamese refugees. VAI's main mission is to foster the development and strength of the Vietnamese community. To fulfill this mission, VAI has grown into a multi-service agency that meets the needs of the 30,000 community members living in Illinois. VAI provides support and assistance to thousands of refugees and immigrants from Vietnam and other nations annually in their various programs, including job counseling and placement, vocational training, ESL/Literacy, small business development, citizenship education, family health education, and comprehensive elderly and youth services. They implement a variety of social services, educational activities, and cultural programs in the community and encourage the spirit of mutual assistance and self-sufficiency among Vietnamese Americans.

## COORDINATION

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

cc: City Clerk