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Good morning Council,

I hope you're well. Attached please find a letter from Congresswoman Eshoo regarding agenda item 18. Thank you for your consideration.

All my best,  
Nicholas

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*Anna G. Eshoo  
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June 3, 2024

The Honorable Greer Stone, Mayor  
City of Palo Alto  
250 Hamilton Avenue  
Palo Alto, California 94301

Dear Mayor Stone,

I write in support of La Comida's petition to use 445 Bryant Street to distribute lunch to seniors in Palo Alto. The organization has been a pioneer for senior services in Santa Clara County since 1972, and I'm proud that it receives funding from the Older Americans Act to help seniors make ends meet through free nutritious lunches.

La Comida was especially vital for Palo Alto's seniors during the Covid-19 pandemic when demand increased by 75%. Recent increases in the cost of living have kept demand high. Food banks like Second Harvest of Silicon Valley are reporting record levels of need. Combatting food insecurity strengthens the physical and mental health of seniors and shared lunches bring our community together. As we work to strengthen our social safety net and combat inequality, organizations like La Comida are essential in ensuring that assistance gets to those who need it most.

I respectfully request that you give La Comida's application full and fair consideration, under all applicable laws and regulations, and I thank you in advance for your consideration.

Most gratefully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Anna G. Eshoo".

Anna G. Eshoo  
Member of Congress

cc: Honorable Members of the Palo Alto City Council