



The Nguyens don't always dine out. They can stay at home and enjoy a traditional Vietnamese meal in the Curran House dining room.

## Couple break cultural mode

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27,700 residents where the average income is \$21,183. A concern of John Nguyen's is how to protect the poor people who have lived here a long time.

"People are coming in with money. Nothing we can do about it. It's frustrating. We love the city and want to be here," he says.

Another CBD concern is Little Saigon. Business falls off after dark — there's plenty of lunchtime foot traffic — but "people are afraid of the Tenderloin at night," John says. It looks certain that it will get improved lighting. But poster designs to promote it, that the CBD solicited from artists, so far have missed the mark.

"They're too complicated," John says. "I don't know what they mean. They miss the point."

John and Van visit many restaurants, not so much in Little Saigon, where Van does weekly grocery shopping, but on occasion the Pakistani and Indian restaurants on Mason Street, and Sunday mornings the Oriental Restaurant on Market Street near Seventh for dim sum. And they make an occasional trip with a friend to Balboa Park to try their hand at tennis.

Otherwise, the star of their outings, and Van's favorite, is the glassy, high-ceilinging Samovar Tea Lounge in Yerba Buena Gardens near the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial fountain. They go twice a week. Sitting outside or inside, she loves looking north at the cityscape with the red brick St. Patrick's Catholic Church, built in 1851 on Mission Street, in the middle.

Back home at Curran House, where both of John's parents now contend with dementia, their busy routines keep them occupied; they are hardly the building's social butterflies. John has some "acquaintances" and Sharen Hewitt "is safe to consider a friend." Van knows three Vietnamese residents, one Chinese and Hewitt.

"Curran House is just a step away from the beauty of the city," John says. "That reassures me of the goodness of people, working hard and enjoying life."

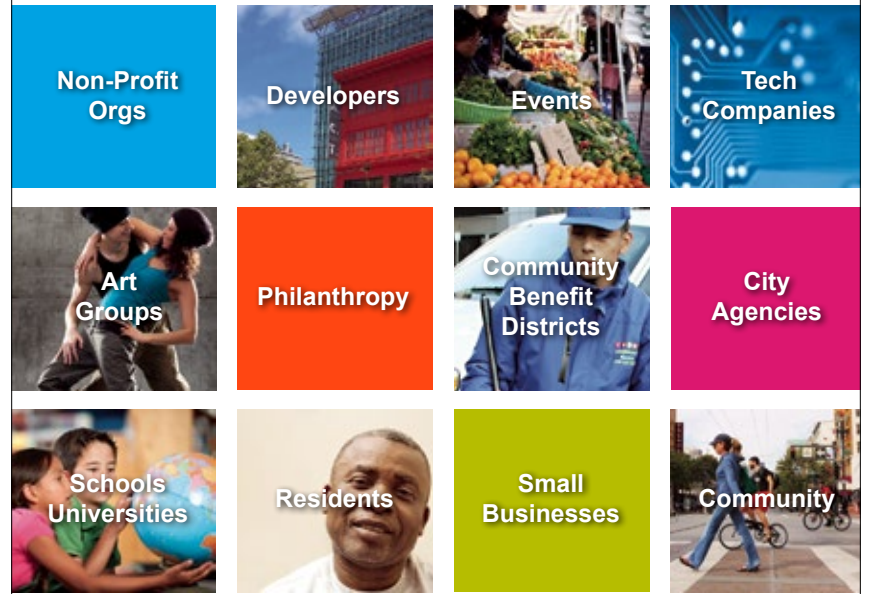
Even so, when their eyes close, all Nguyen family members have had recurring nightmares that they are in Vietnam and can't get out.

And after lunch that day at Mangosteens, John packaged up more than half the food he had ordered and took it home. ■

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