

VIET HERITAGE SOCIETY
National Sponsorship of the Smithsonian Vietnamese American Heritage Project
was made possible by the following VHS Board Members

Dr. Ngai Xuan Nguyen, Chairman

Dr. Ngai Xuan Nguyen is a nationally renowned cardiologist and presidential appointee on the National Heart, Lung & Blood Advisory Council under President George W. Bush's administration.

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Mr. Le is a real estate developer and co-founder of Lee's Sandwiches and Lee Bros. Food Service, Inc.; a multi-million dollar foodservice provider and manufacturer with a national distribution chain.

Mr. Victor Duong, Vice President

Mr. Duong is co-founder and Vice President of California Waste Solution, with operations in Oakland, San Leandro, and San Jose.

HUBRIS-NGUYEN FAMILY

Ryan Nguyen Hubris, a tireless community advocate and successful business entrepreneur, donated \$10,000 on behalf of his family, in support of the [Viet Heritage Society \(VHS\)](#) National Sponsor of the Smithsonian Institution [Vietnamese American Heritage Project](#).

Mr. Hubris is the founder of the [Vietnamese American National Gala™ \(VANG™\)](#) and continues to serve VHS as a member of the Board of Directors. From 2004-2006, he served as a consultant and Executive Director of VHS. During his tenure as an Executive Director, VHS raised over \$4 million for the construction of the first Viet Heritage Gardens in the country.

A Rich Heritage...A Proud Tradition
VIETNAMESE AMERICAN NATIONAL GALA™ (VANG™)

VISION

- Celebrate our pride as Americans of Vietnamese descent;
- Celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month;
- Honor Vietnamese Americans and non-Vietnamese Americans alike, and organizations for their contributions to the Vietnamese American community and America; and
- Promote education, leadership, and volunteerism.

The Vietnamese American National Gala™ (VANG™) is a national annual celebration of Vietnamese heritage and pride, which is held in conjunction with the Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, a month-long celebration in May of each year, which honors the achievements of Asian Pacific Americans and recognizes their contributions to America.

VANG™ is the premier Vietnamese American gathering in the nation. This Oscar®-like festivity exhibits the Vietnamese American Community's celebration of professional achievements and community contributions. The formal black-tie dinner gala brings together thousands of elected officials, corporate sponsors, community and business leaders, and Vietnamese American luminaries – all who come together to share one common vision: *To honor America's best and brightest.*