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NBC News Correspondent and *Boat Baby* author Vicky Nguyen to Headline San José Public Library Foundation's Signature Author Event

San José, California— The San José Public Library Foundation (SJPLF) is thrilled to announce that tickets are now available for its Signature Author Event on November 15, 2025, featuring award-winning NBC News anchor and correspondent Vicky Nguyen, author of the powerful memoir *Boat Baby*. Before joining NBC News in New York, Vicky spent 12 years reporting and anchoring for NBC Bay Area, where she became a trusted voice and a familiar presence in the community.

Nguyen will share her remarkable journey as the child of Vietnamese refugees and how her family's story shaped her life and career. With her signature warmth, candor, and insight, Nguyen will captivate the audience while spotlighting the importance of resilience, community, and access to opportunity.

At the event, Santa Clara County Board Supervisor Betty Duong, whose family moved to San José following the Vietnam War, will lead a lively conversation and audience Q & A with Vicky. The proud daughter of immigrants, Betty is the first Vietnamese American and the first Asian American woman to serve on the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors and a lifelong resident of Santa Clara County District Two. Betty spent her childhood translating for her parents, family members and neighbors, helping them navigate government agencies, social services, and safety net resources.

Tickets sold for the event support the San José Public Library Foundation as it raises critical funds for the San José Public Library, which provides free programs, resources and life-changing opportunities to nearly one million residents. These programs bridge the digital divide, prepare the workforce, promote literacy, and strengthen cultural connections across our community.

Event Highlights:

- Inspiring conversation and audience Q and A led by Santa Clara County Supervisor Betty Duong
- Autographed copies of *Boat Baby* included with ticket purchase
- Light refreshments
- Opportunity to support San José’s award-winning public library system

When: Saturday, November 15, 2025 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: Blanco 12 N. San Pedro St., Downtown San Jose, CA 95110

Tickets: On sale now at sjplf.org/AuthorEvent2025

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“Vicky’s story is one of courage, resilience, and the power of persistence,” said Dawn Coppin, San José Public Library Foundation CEO. “Her voice is the perfect spotlight for this event, which not only celebrates literature but also supports San José’s libraries, which help to foster opportunity so others can achieve their dreams.”

Tickets are limited and will go fast.

The event is possible thanks to the generous support of Star One Credit Union and other community sponsors.

For tickets, sponsorships, or more information, visit sjplf.org/AuthorEvent2025

The San José Public Library Foundation supports educational programs and resources through the public library, schools, and community-based organizations, to create an educated, equitable, empowered, and engaged community.

Vicky Nguyen is an NBC News Chief Consumer Investigative correspondent and anchor of NBC News Daily. She reports for the Today show, Nightly News with Tom Llamas and NBC News Now. She published her debut memoir *Boat Baby* in April 2025—a poignant account of her family’s escape from Vietnam as refugees and her own rise from refugee to celebrated network journalist, blending resilience with reflective storytelling.

Betty Duong was elected to the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors representing District Two in November 2024. She represents more than 400,000 residents of San José in the Downtown, East Side, Southside and surrounding neighborhoods. District Two is also home to the historic and iconic Japantown, Little Saigon, Little Italy, and Little Portugal neighborhoods.