



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Mayor Mahan

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: March 5, 2025

Approved:

SUBJECT: RETROACTIVE APPROVAL OF THE BULGARIAN NATIONAL LIBERATION DAY TOWER LIGHTING SPONSORED BY THE OFFICE OF MAYOR MATT MAHAN AS A CITY COUNCIL SPONSORED SPECIAL EVENTS TO EXPEND CITY FUNDS, LIGHT CITY HALL, AND ACCEPT DONATIONS OF MATERIALS AND SERVICES FOR THE EVENTS.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Retroactively approve the Proclamation of Bulgarian National Liberation Day in San José on March 3, 2025, as a City Council sponsored Special Event and approve the expenditure of funds.
2. Retroactively approve the Bulgarian National Liberation Day Tower Lighting on March 3, 2025 through March 9, 2025, as a City Council sponsored Special Event and approve the expenditure of funds.
3. Retroactively approve and accept donations from various individuals, businesses, or community groups to support the event.
4. Place the item on Tuesday, March 11th, 2025, Council Agenda for action.

BACKGROUND

On February 1, 2005, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 72517 which requires Councilmembers to submit a memorandum to the Rules Committee regarding proposed City Council sponsored Special Events and the proposed use of any funds.

Bulgarian National Liberation Day, which will be on March 3, 2025, will be observed with a tower lighting sponsored by Mayor Mahan. This event will honor the contributions of the Bulgarian American community in San José and recognize the long standing diplomatic relationship that the United States has had with the country of Bulgaria.

It will be Proclaimed on March 3, 2025, and will sponsored by Mayor Mahan. The Tower will be lit white, green, and red from March 3, 2025 through March 9, 2025 in honor of Bulgarian National Liberation Day.

ANALYSIS

City Council Policy 7-14, City Hall Event Lighting Policy, Sections C.1 allows Tower lighting in conjunction with proclamations for official actions or ceremonial items, as approved by City Council. It also allows for extended lighting beyond one cycle between sundown and sunrise.

Approval by the City Council of the event will ensure compliance with the Council's prior direction regarding Council Special Events. Approval of this memorandum will enable Council offices, City departments, and the Office of the City Clerk to proceed with the event.

PUBLIC OUTREACH/INTEREST

The Office of the City Clerk will post the item on the City's Website for the March 5th, 2025, Rules Committee Agenda and the March 11th, 2025, City Council Agenda.

CEQA

Not a Project, File No. PP17-011, Temporary Special Events resulting in no changes to the physical environment.