



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Toni J. Taber, MMC
City Clerk

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: May 13, 2026

SUBJECT: Approval of Pride and Transgender Flag Raisings and Lighting for Pride Month and Silicon Valley Pride Week Sponsored by Council District 9, Council District 3, and Council District 4 as City Council Sponsored Special Events to Expend City Funds and Accept Donations of Materials and Services for the Events

Recommendation

As recommended by the Rules and Open Government Committee on May 13, 2026:

- (a) Approve the Progress Pride and Transgender Flag Raisings scheduled on June 3, 2026 for Pride Month and on August 24, 2026 for Silicon Valley Pride Week as City Council sponsored Special Events and approve the expenditure of funds;
- (b) Approve the 2026 Pride Month Lighting Programming on June 1-7, 2026 and the Silicon Valley Pride Week Lighting Programming on August 24-30, 2026 in the Tower and Rotunda as City Council sponsored Special Events and approve the expenditure of funds; and
- (c) Approve and accept donations from various individuals, businesses, or community groups to support the event.

CEQA: Not a Project, File No. PP17-011, Temporary Special Events resulting in no changes to the physical environment. (Foley, Tordillos, and Cohen)

[Rules Committee referral 5/13/2026 - Item B.6]



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Vice Mayor Pam Foley
Councilmember Anthony
Tordillos
Councilmember David
Cohen

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: May 6, 2026

APPROVED:

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF PRIDE AND TRANSGENDER FLAG RAISINGS AND LIGHTING FOR PRIDE MONTH AND SV PRIDE WEEK SPONSORED BY COUNCIL DISTRICTS 9, 3 AND 4 AS CITY COUNCIL SPONSORED SPECIAL EVENTS TO EXPEND CITY FUNDS AND ACCEPT DONATIONS OF MATERIALS AND SERVICES FOR THE EVENTS.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Approve the Progress Pride and Transgender Flag Raisings for Pride Month on June 3, 2026 and for SV Pride Week on August 24, 2026 as City Council sponsored Special Events and approve the expenditure of funds;
2. Approve the 2026 Pride Month Lighting Programming on June 1-7, 2026 and the SV Pride Week Lighting Programming on August 24-30, 2026 in the Tower and Rotunda as City Council sponsored Special Events and approve the expenditure of funds;
3. Approve and accept donations from various individuals, businesses, or community groups to support the events; and
4. Place the item on the May 27, 2026 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.

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A Progress Pride Flag (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, brown, black, and with a circular symbol for those who identify as intersexual) and a Transgender Flag raising on June 3, 2026 and August 24, 2026 will commemorate these special events. Since 1970, every June has been recognized as Pride Month nationally to celebrate and recognize the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, and others (LGBTQ+) community, allies, and advocates.

The Pride Month Lighting Programming will occur June 1-7, 2026 and the SV Pride Week Lighting Programming will occur August 24-30, 2026 and the Tower will be lit in red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple and Rotunda will be lit in red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, pink, teal, and white.

ANALYSIS

The raising of the Progress Pride and Transgender Flags are permitted under Council Policy 2-1, Section C.3 — Flags Displayed in Conjunction with Official Ceremonial Items: Other flags may be displayed in conjunction with official actions, ceremonial items, or proclamations of the City Council. City Council Policy 7-14, City Hall Event Lighting Policy, Sections B.1 and C.1 allows Rotunda and Tower lighting in conjunction with proclamations for official actions or ceremonial items as approved by City Council.

Approval by the City Council of the events will ensure compliance with the Council's prior direction regarding Council Special Events. In observance of existing fundraising disclosure requirements, Vice Mayor Pam Foley, Councilmember Anthony Tordillos and Councilmember David Cohen, will report any cash or in-kind donations received for the event on their Disclosure of Fundraising Report (DFR-1). Approval of this memorandum will enable Council Districts 9,3, and 4, City departments, and the Office of the City Clerk to proceed with the event. Any cash donations received will be processed pursuant to the City's normal financial and budgetary procedures.

PUBLIC OUTREACH/INTEREST

The Office of the City Clerk will post the item on the City's Website for the May 13, 2026, Rules Committee Agenda and the May 27, 2026 City Council Agenda.

CEQA

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

Reviewed by:

TONI J. TABER, CMC
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