



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Councilmember Domingo
Candelas

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: 05/29/2025

APPROVED:

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF TOWER LIGHTING FOR PHILIPPINES
INDEPENDENCE DAY ON JUNE 12-14, 2025, SPONSORED BY DISTRICT 8 AS A
CITY COUNCIL SPONSORED SPECIAL EVENT**

RECOMMENDATION

1. Approve the Philippines Independence Day Tower Lighting on June 12-14, 2025, as a City Council sponsored Special Event and approve the expenditure of funds.
2. Place the item on Tuesday, June 10, 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 in Special Events Accounts.

The City will light the tower yellow, red, and blue in honor of Philippines Independence Day. This day is a celebration of Filipino heritage, culture, and community. With one of the largest Filipino populations in the United States, San Jose has a strong Filipino presence that takes pride in honoring their history and contributions to the nation. The day fosters unity, pride, and a sense of belonging while raising awareness about Filipino culture and the ongoing fight for equality. The celebration of this day not only commemorates the Philippines' independence from Spanish rule, but also highlights the vital role of the Filipino community in shaping the social, cultural, and economic fabric of San Jose.

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ANALYSIS

City Council Policy 7-14, City Hall Event Lighting Policy, Sections B.1 and 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 Districts 8, City departments, and the Office of the City Clerk to proceed with the lighting.

PUBLIC OUTREACH/INTEREST

The Office of the City Clerk will post the item on the City's Website for the June 4, 2025, Rules Committee Agenda, and the June 10, 2025, 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

Clerk

City

For questions, please contact Toni Taber, City Clerk, at (408) 535-1260.