



COUNCIL AGENDA: 10/3/2023

ITEM: 3.5

FILE NO: 23-1332

# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Toni J. Taber, CMC  
City Clerk

**SUBJECT: SEE BELOW**

**DATE:** October 3, 2023

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**SUBJECT: Resolution Affirming Support of the Transgender and Broader LGBTQ+ Communities**

## **Recommendation**

As recommended by the Rules and Open Government Committee on September 20, 2023, adopt a resolution affirming the City of San José's support of the transgender and broader LGBTQ+ communities.

CEQA: Not a Project, File No. PP17-008, General Procedure and Policy Making resulting in no changes to the physical environment. (Foley and Torres)

[Rules Committee referral 9/20/2023 - Item C.1]



# Memorandum

**TO:** RULES AND OPEN  
GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

**FROM:** Councilmember Pam Foley  
Councilmember Omar Torres

**SUBJECT:** SEE BELOW

**DATE:** September 20, 2023

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Approved

Date 09/14/2023

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**SUBJECT:** Resolution Affirming Support of the Transgender and Broader LGBTQ+ Communities

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Agendize for discussion and consideration at an upcoming City Council Meeting the adoption of the attached resolution affirming the City of San José's support of the transgender and broader LGBTQ+ communities.

## **BACKGROUND**

Since the first pride flag raising at San José City Hall in June of 2001, the City of San José has demonstrated acceptance and support for the LGBTQ+ community in San José. Most recently, the City of San José proclaimed Silicon Valley Pride Month in August 2023 again reaffirming the City's commitment to embracing and celebrating the LGBTQ+ community.

Everyone should feel welcome in San José, including our LGBTQ+ community members. San José is a city that celebrates diversity and open-mindedness. Acceptance for LGBTQ+ children and youth is particularly important. A lack of understanding and acceptance for these groups contributes to higher rates of isolation, depression, suicidal ideation, and suicide attempts.

Nationwide, LGBTQ+ rights, especially the rights of transgender individuals, are under attack. These attacks are perpetrated by those who seek to marginalize LGBTQ+ folks, especially in schools. While San José is a leader, our community is not immune to homophobia, transphobia, and bigotry. Groups such as Informed Parents Silicon Valley are operating to diminish the understanding and acceptance of LGBTQ+ people in our community through our schools.

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The attached resolution reaffirms that the City of San José is a welcoming and supportive place for the LGBTQ+ community and makes clear that hate and efforts to marginalize LGBTQ+ people have no place in our city.