



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

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

**SUBJECT:** SEE BELOW

**DATE:** March 5, 2025

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**SUBJECT: Retroactive Approval of Bulgarian National Liberation Day Proclamation and Tower Lighting Sponsored by the Office of Mayor Mahan 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 March 5, 2025:

- (a) Retroactively approve the Proclamation of Bulgarian National Liberation Day scheduled on March 3, 2025 as a City Council sponsored Special Event and approve the expenditure of funds;
- (b) Retroactively approve the Bulgarian National Liberation Day Tower Lighting scheduled from March 3, 2025 through March 9, 2025 as a City Council sponsored Special Event and approve the expenditure of funds; and
- (c) Approve and accept donations from various individuals, businesses, or community groups to support the events.

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

[Rules Committee referral 3/5/2025 - Item B.4]



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
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**FROM:** Mayor Mahan

**SUBJECT:** SEE BELOW

**DATE:** March 5, 2025

Approved:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matt Mahan".

**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 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Rules Committee Agenda and the March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, City Council Agenda.

### **CEQA**

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