



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Vice Mayor Chappie Jones
District 1

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: April 25, 2022

APPROVED: *Chappie Jones*

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE ERITREAN FLAG RAISING SPONSORED BY
COUNCIL DISTRICT 1 AS A CITY COUNCIL SPONSORED SPECIAL
EVENT TO EXPEND CITY FUNDS AND ACCEPT DONATIONS OF
MATERIALS AND SERVICES FOR THE EVENT**

RECOMMENDATION

1. Approve the Eritrean Flag Raising Event scheduled for May 24th, 2022 as a City Council sponsored Special Event and approve the expenditure of funds.
2. Approve and accept donations from various individuals, businesses or community groups to support the event.
3. Place the item on the May 10, 2022 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.

Council Policy 2-1, Section C.1, allows “Flags of Governments Recognized by the United States. Flags of the governments recognized by the United States may be displayed upon the request of the Mayor, a member of the City Council or the City Manager.”

The Flag of Eritrea will be raised in a Flag Raising ceremony on May 24, 2022 at San Jose City Hall West Plaza and is sponsored by Vice Mayor Chappie Jones. This special event celebrates Eritrean People’s Liberation Front forces movement back into the capital of Asmara, reinstating independence following a 30-year war against the Ethiopian military regime back on May 24, 1991. Eritrean Independence Day is celebrated each year on May 24th. The event is free and open to the public, and will follow applicable public health orders.

ANALYSIS

Approval by the City Council of the event will ensure compliance with the Council's prior direction regarding Council Special Events. In observance of existing fundraising disclosure requirements, Vice Mayor Chappie Jones 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 District 1, 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 4, 2022 Rules Committee Agenda and the May 10, 2022 City Council Agenda.

CEQA

- ☐ Not a Project, File No. PP17-010, City Organization & Administrative Activities resulting in no changes to the physical environment.
- ☐ Not a Project, File No. PP17-011, Temporary Special Events resulting in no changes to the physical environment.
- ☐ Exempt, File No. PP12-080. Minor temporary use of land having negligible or no permanent effect on the environment.
- ☐ Exempt, File No. PP13-056, Activities associated with citywide litter clean-up activities.
- ☐ Exempt, File No. PP11-046, Graffiti removal services.

Reviewed by:

TONI J. TABER, CMC
City Clerk

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