



# Memorandum

**TO:** RULES AND OPEN  
GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

**FROM:** MAYOR LICCARDO

**SUBJECT:** SEE BELOW

**DATE:** AUGUST 12, 2022

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**SUBJECT:** Approval of Ukrainian Independence Day Flag Raising Sponsored by the Mayor's Office as a City Council Sponsored Special Event to Expend City Funds and Accept Donations of Materials and Services for the Event.

Approved:

Date:

8/12/22

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## RECOMMENDATION

1. Approve the Ukrainian Flag Raising event scheduled on Wednesday, August 24, 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 August 23, 2022, Council Agenda for action.

## BACKGROUND

August 24 celebrates Ukrainian Independence Day. This is the main state holiday in modern Ukraine, commemorating their Declaration of Independence in 1991. Over 4,000 Ukrainians call San José home and more than 20,000 live in the Bay Area. By raising the Ukrainian flag over San José City Hall, we symbolize our solidarity with Ukraine's independent and Democratic government. Nova Ukraine, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing humanitarian aid to the people of Ukraine estimates that approximately 25,000 Ukrainian refugees are now residing in the Bay Area. The reason so many refugees recently came to the Bay Area is because they were forced to flee their homeland due to the invasion of their country by the Russian military. We stand strongly with the people of Ukraine and against the atrocities perpetrated by Russia's military aggression.