



COUNCIL AGENDA: 8/23/2022

ITEM: 2.13

FILE NO: 22-1297

Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Toni J. Taber, CMC
City Clerk

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: August 23, 2022

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

Recommendation

As recommended by the Rules and Open Government Committee on August 17, 2022:

- (a) Approve the Ukrainian Flag Raising Event scheduled on August 24, 2022 as a City Council sponsored Special Event and approve the expenditure of funds; and
- (b) Approve and accept donations from various individuals, businesses, or community groups to support the event.

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

[Rules Committee referral 8/17/2022 - Item B.5]



Memorandum

TO: RULES AND OPEN
GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

FROM: MAYOR LICCARDO

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: AUGUST 12, 2022

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

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.