



COUNCIL AGENDA: 12/10/2019

ITEM: 2.24

FILE NO: 19-1226

Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Toni J. Taber, CMC
City Clerk

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: December 10, 2019

SUBJECT: Approval of Palestinian Flag Raising Event Sponsored by Council District 10 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 December 4, 2019:

- (a) Approve the Palestinian Flag Raising scheduled on April 3, 2020 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. (Khamis)

[Rules Committee referral 12/4/19 - Item G.1.a]

RULES & OPEN GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

AGENDA: 12/4/19

ITEM: G.1.a



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Councilmember Johnny Khamis
District 10

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: November 21, 2019

APPROVED

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF PALESTINIAN FLAG RAISING EVENT SPONSORED
BY COUNCIL DISTRICT 10 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 Palestinian Flag Raising as a City Council sponsored Special Event.
2. Approve and accept donations from various individuals, businesses, or community groups to support the event.
3. Place the item on the December 10th Council Agenda for action.

BACKGROUND

On February 1, 2005, the City Council adopted Resolution 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 in Special Event Accounts.

The Palestinian Flag Raising Event will be held on April 3, 2020 at City Hall and sponsored by Councilmember Johnny Khamis. The Palestinian flag will be raised over the San José City Hall Plaza in celebration of Land Day. The flag raising is intended as a celebration of Palestinians throughout the world and to celebrate Palestinian culture in San José and throughout the United States, as we raise the flag of the United States along with the Palestinian flag. Our event will be heavily attended by second and third-generation Palestinian-Americans who have grown up between both worlds, and is co-sponsored by the San José State University Student group, Students for Justice in Palestine. All people are welcomed to join in this cultural celebration.

The display of the Palestinian Flag on April 3rd is permitted under Council Policy 2-1, Section C.2 - Flags Displayed in Conjunction With Official Ceremonial Items: "Other flags may be displayed in conjunction with official actions, ceremonial items, or proclamations of the City Council."

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, Councilmember Khamis will report any cash or in-kind donations received for the event on his Disclosure of Fundraising Report (DFR-1). Approval of this memorandum will enable Council District 10, 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.

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP

Councilmember Khamis will issue an information memo detailing the results of the event.

PUBLIC OUTREACH/INTEREST

This action does not meet the criteria set below; however, the Office of the City Clerk will post the item on the City's Website for the November 27th Rules Committee Agenda and the December 10th City Council Agenda.

- ☐ **Criterion 1:** Requires Council action on the use of public funds equal to \$1 million or greater. **(Required: Website Posting)**
- ☐ **Criterion 2:** Adoption of a new or revised policy that may have implications for public health, safety, quality of life, or financial/economic vitality of the City. **(Required: E-mail and Website Posting)**
- ☐ **Criterion 3:** Consideration of proposed changes to service delivery, programs, staffing that may have impacts to community services and have been identified by staff, Council or a Community group that requires special outreach. **(Required: E-mail, Website Posting, Community Meetings, Notice in appropriate newspapers)**

COORDINATION

This memorandum has been coordinated with the City Clerk's Office.

CEQA

Not a project.

REVIEWED BY:

TONI J. TABER, CMC
City Clerk

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