



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Councilmember Johnny Khamis
District 10

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: February 25, 2020

APPROVED: _____

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF ASSYRIAN NEW YEAR (ASSYRIAN FLAG RAISING),
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 Assyrian New Year (Assyrian Flag Raising) on March 20, 2020 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 March 17th 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.

Assyrian New Year will be celebrated on March 20th, with a flag raising ceremony sponsored by Councilmember Khamis in cooperation with the Assyrian Church of the East. This special event celebrates the contributions of Assyrian-Americans to the culture of San José and the United States of America. The ceremonial Assyrian flag will be raised over the San José City Hall Plaza in recognition of the local Assyrian-American community.

The display of the Assyrian Flag on March 20th 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.

PUBLIC OUTREACH/INTEREST

The Office of the City Clerk will post the item on the City's Website for the March 4th Rules Committee Agenda and the March 17th City Council Agenda.

COORDINATION

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

CEQA

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

REVIEWED BY:

TONI J. TABER, CMC
City Clerk

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