



COUNCIL AGENDA: 01/26/2021  
ITEM: 2.20  
FILE NO: 21-210

# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Toni J. Taber, CMC  
City Clerk

**SUBJECT:** SEE BELOW

**DATE:** January 26, 2021

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**SUBJECT: Approval of the African American History Month Flag Raising Ceremony 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

As recommended by the Rules and Open Government Committee on January 20, 2021:

(a) Approve the African American History Month Flag Raising Ceremony scheduled on February 3, 2021 as a City Council sponsored Special Event and approve the expenditure of funds.

(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. (Jones)

[Rules Committee referral 1/20/2021 - Item G.1.c]



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Vice Mayor Chappie Jones  
District 1

**SUBJECT:** SEE BELOW

**DATE:** January 6, 2021

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APPROVED: *Chappie Jones*

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**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH FLAG RAISING CEREMONY 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 African American History Month Flag Raising scheduled on February 3, 2021 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 January 26, 2021 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.

The African American History Month Flag Raising will be held on February 3, 2021 at San Jose City Hall West Plaza and is sponsored by Councilmember Chappie Jones. This special event celebrates African American History Month and the great contributions that the African American community has made to our community. Due to the current shelter in place and limits on public gatherings, the flag will be raised by City Hall facilities staff but no associated public event will be occurring.

The display of the Pan-African Flag on February 3, 2021 is permitted under Council Policy 2-1, Section C.2 – Flags Displayed in Conjunction with Official Ceremonial Items: “Other flags may

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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 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 January 20, 2021 Rules Committee Agenda and the January 26, 2021 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.