



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Councilmember Ortiz

**SUBJECT:** SEE BELOW

**DATE:** December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025

APPROVED:

DATE: 12/3/2025

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF MUWEKMA OHLONE TRIBE FLAG RAISING  
SPONSORED BY COUNCIL DISTRICT 5 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 Muwekma Ohlone Tribe Flag Raising Event scheduled on December 16th, 2025, 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 December 16th, 2025, 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.

The City of San José is located on the ancestral lands of the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of the San Francisco Bay Area. In recent years, the San José City Council has honored the Tribe through proclamations recognizing Native American Day and Indigenous Peoples Day, and partnered with the Tribe at civic events at City Hall, where Muwekma leaders offer traditional welcomes, blessings, and cultural presentations that celebrate their enduring presence and contributions to San José.

The event is free and open to the public.

### **ANALYSIS**

The raising of the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe Flag Raising is permitted under Council Policy 2- 1, Section C.3, 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.”

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 Peter Ortiz 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 Districts 5, 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 December 10th, 2025 Rules Committee Agenda and the December 16th, 2025 City Council Agenda.

### **CEQA**

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