



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Councilmember Anthony
Tordillos, District 3

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: 05/06/2026

APPROVED: *Anthony Tordillos*

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF PHILLIPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY FLAG RAISING SPONSORED BY COUNCIL DISTRICT 3 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 Philippine Independence Day Flag Raising scheduled on June 12, 2026, 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 May 19, 2026, 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.

Council Policy 2-1, Section C.1, allows "Flags of Governments Recognized by the United States. Flags of the governments recognized by the United States may be displayed upon the request of the Mayor, a member of the City Council or the City Manager."

The Philippine Independence Day Flag Raising will be held on June 12, 2026, at San José City Hall Rotunda and sponsored by Councilmember Anthony Tordillos. This special event commemorates the Annual Philippine Independence Day by raising awareness of

the cultural, and historical importance of the Filipino community¹ in the City of San José. This special event is dedicated to fostering an inclusive and supportive community, ensuring that Filipinos are celebrated and recognized as an important part of our city. San José has a long history of Filipino immigration, including to San José's Heinlerville where local historian Robert Ragsac coined the term "Pinoytown".² This special event celebrates Philippine Independence Day by featuring performances, Filipino cuisine, and entertainment from Filipinos; The event is free and open to the public.

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 Anthony Tordillos 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 3, 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 May 13, 2026, Rules Committee Agenda and the May 19, 2026, Council Agenda.

CEQA

Not a Project, File No. PP15-077, Temporary Special Events.

Reviewed by:

TONI J. TABER, CMC
City Clerk

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

¹ Adam Volle. Independence Day | Philippines, History, Celebrations, & Facts. 2025. Encyclopedia Britannica. <https://www.britannica.com/topic/Independence-Day-Philippines>

² Looking Back: Filipino Americans in Santa Clara Valley. Ralph Pearce. 2023. San José Public Library. <https://www.sjpl.org/blogs/post/looking-back-filipino-americans-in-santa-clara-valley/>