



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Vice Mayor Pam Foley
District 9

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: 03/04/2026

APPROVED:

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE GREEK FLAG RAISING SPONSORED BY
COUNCIL DISTRICT 9 AS A CITY COUNCIL SPONSORED SPECIAL
EVENT TO EXPEND CITY FUNDS AND ACCEPT DONATIONS OF
MATERIALS AND SERVICES FOR THE EVENTS.**

RECOMMENDATION

1. Approve the Greek Flag Raising scheduled on March 25, 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 events.
3. Place the item on the March 17, 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.

The Greek Independence Flag Raising Ceremony will be held on March 25, 2026 at City Hall and sponsored by Councilmember Pam Foley. This special event will celebrate the Greek community in San José and their meaningful relationship to March 25, 1821 when the people of Greece began to end nearly four centuries of oppression under the Ottoman Empire. The Greek community has made outstanding contributions to San Jose's culture and community. The City of San José should honor Greek Americans by facilitating these events. The event is free and open to the public.

The display of the Greek Flag on March 25, 2026 is permitted under Council Policy 2-1, Section C.1 – 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.

With City Council approval, the Greek Flag will be raised on March 25, 2026 and flown for seven days to honor Greek Independence Day.

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 Pam Foley 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 9, 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 11, 2026 Rules Committee Agenda and the March 17, 2026 City Council Agenda.

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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.