



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

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

**SUBJECT:** SEE BELOW

**DATE:** March 18, 2026

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**SUBJECT: Retroactive Approval of the Bay FC Tower and Rotunda Lighting Sponsored by Council District 2 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 March 18, 2026:

- (a) Retroactively approve the Bay FC Tower and Rotunda Lighting scheduled on March 9-14, 2026 as a City Council sponsored Special Event and approve the expenditure of funds; and
- (b) Retroactively 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. (Campos)

[Rules Committee referral 3/18/2026 - Item B.5]



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Councilmember Pamela  
Campos, District 2

**SUBJECT:** SEE BELOW

**DATE:** 03/06/2026

APPROVED:

**SUBJECT: RETROACTIVE APPROVAL OF THE BAY FC TOWER AND ROTUNDA LIGHTING SPONSORED BY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 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 Bay FC Tower and Rotunda Lighting scheduled from March 9-14, 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 March 24, 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.

City Hall Tower will be lit in red and the Rotunda will be lit in blue in Bay FC colors to celebrate International Women's Day to honor the incredible contributions women have made in our society. Bay FC is the only female soccer team in San José, founded by U.S. Women's National Team legends Brandi Chastain, Leslie Osborne, Danielle Slaton, and Aly Wagner. Bay FC is built on the Bay Area's legacy of disruption, ambition, and doing things differently.<sup>1</sup> Bay FC was built to unite the Bay Area by inspiring community and professional excellence both on and off the pitch. There is unquestioned and active momentum for women's sports right now, and Bay FC will feed that fire by becoming the next iconic global sports franchise.

<sup>1</sup> Bay F.C. . Bay FC. (n.d.). <https://bayfc.com/club/#mission-statement>

## **ANALYSIS**

City Council Policy 7-14, City Hall Event Lighting Policy, Sections B.1 and C.1 allow Tower and Rotunda lighting in conjunction with proclamations for official actions or ceremonial items, as approved by City Council. It also allows for extended lighting beyond one cycle between sundown and sunrise.

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 Pamela Campos 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 2, 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 18, 2026 Rules Committee Agenda and the March 24, 2026, Council Agenda.

## **CEQA**

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Reviewed by:

TONI J. TABER, CMC  
City Clerk

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