



Memorandum

TO: RULES AND OPEN
GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

FROM: Councilmember Michael Mulcahy
District 6

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: 4/10/2026

Approved

Date:

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE ERITREAN FLAG RAISING SPONSORED BY COUNCIL DISTRICT 6 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 Eritrean Flag Raising Event Scheduled for May 20th, 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 April 21st, 2026, City 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.

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 Flag of Eritrea will be raised in a Flag Raising ceremony on May 20th, 2026 at San Jose City Hall West Plaza and is sponsored by Councilmember Mulcahy. This special event commemorates the historic return of the Eritrean People’s Liberation Front forces to Asmara, marking the restoration of Eritrean independence on May 24, 1991, after a 30-year struggle against the Ethiopian military regime. Eritrean Independence Day is celebrated annually on May 24th. 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 Michael Mulcahy 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 6, 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 April 15th, 2026, Rules Committee Agenda and the April 21st, 2026, City Council Agenda.

CEQA

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.