



## City Council Agenda Report

Meeting Date: April 9, 2024

Initiated By: City Council

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### Subject:

**Flag Raising June 2024 – Progress Pride**

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#### COUNCIL PRIORITY AREA

- Business Communities
- Circulation Safety and Efficiency
- Environmental Sustainability
- Housing
- Neighborhood Safety Infrastructure
- General Government

#### RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution approving the raising of the Progress Pride flag in June 2024.

#### POLICY QUESTION(S) FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

- In accordance with the City's flag raising policy, shall the City of Los Altos recognize the Progress Pride flag as government speech and raise the Progress Pride flag from May 31, 2024 through June 7, 2024 at City Hall?

#### FISCAL IMPACT

None

#### ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Not applicable

#### PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

November 29, 2022 & May 23, 2023

#### SUMMARY

- The City Council approved the Los Altos Flag Raising Policy on November 29, 2022. The policy provides that the City Council may authorize the display of flags other than the country, state, and city flags on City property, including to commemorate an event or occasion in the form of a resolution if the flag is recognized as government speech.
- Last year, City Council raised the Progress Pride flag from June 1, 2023 through June 7, 2023 at City Hall.

## **PURPOSE**

City Council to review whether the City of Los Altos recognizes the Progress Pride flag as government speech and raise the Progress Pride flag from May 31, 2024 through June 7, 2024 and recognizes the Juneteenth flag as government speech.

## **BACKGROUND**

At its regular meeting on November 29, 2022, the Los Altos City Council approved Resolution 2022-90 which established the City' flag raising policy. A copy of the resolution is attached to this staff report.

Los Altos' flag raising policy says that in addition to the flags of the United States, the State of California, and the City of Los Altos, "the City Council may authorize the display of other flags on City property, including to commemorate an event or occasion." Authorization to fly an additional flag must be in the form of a resolution.

At its regular meeting on March 26, 2024, the Los Altos City Council approved placing on its agenda the question of whether to fly the Progress Pride flag in the month of June 2023.

## **DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS**

The month of June is LGBTQ+ Pride month dedicated to the celebration and commemoration of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer pride recognized by the federal government beginning in 1999 and continuing through today. The first Pride flag was created by American artist and gay rights activist Gilbert Baker in 1978 to be a symbol for the LGBT community. Artist Daniel Quasar released a redesign of the Pride flag, called the Progress Pride flag which includes black, brown, pink, pale blue and white stripes, to represent marginalized people of color in the LGBTQ+ community, as well as the trans community, and those living with HIV/AIDS. The Progress Pride flag image has been included as an attachment to this staff report.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Flag Raising Policy
2. Resolution
3. Exemplar of the Progress Pride Flag