



CITY OF LOS ALTOS POLICY ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to set guidelines for the City Council's consideration of a request for action upon a matter over which the City lacks jurisdiction or substantial influence, and to preserve public time, resources, and deliberation for those matters upon which the City Council's decisions have direct and concrete consequence for the City.

This policy is not intended to limit the prerogative or opinion of members of the City Council to place items before the City Council with any question and/or topic that they deem to be appropriate for consideration, nor is it intended to limit debate.

POLICY

- The City Council shall refrain from taking any action or holding any discussion on a matter of foreign affairs, or concerning any foreign policies enacted by other jurisdictions or the federal government of the United States
- The City Council shall adopt resolutions, ordinances and issue proclamations and/or official letters or statements that are within the scope of their local governance.
- Requests for consideration or discussion of a scope outside the local governance must be approved by a majority vote of the City Council for placement on a future agenda item, with discussion and/or direction to staff occurring at the future meeting date.
- Proclamations and/or official letters or statements issued by the City Council shall not degrade or ridicule any segment of humanity, or advocate for the overthrowing of any level of the United States government.