



City Council Agenda Report

Meeting Date: March 25, 2025

Initiated By: City Council

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Subject: Flag Raising – Progress Pride Flag

COUNCIL PRIORITY AREA

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

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 June 2, 2025 through June 9, 2025?

FISCAL IMPACT

None

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Not applicable

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

November 29, 2022, May 23, 2023, & April 9, 2024

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.

For the past two years, City Council raised the Progress Pride flag at City Hall.

At its regular meeting on March 11, 2025, 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 2025.

DISCUSSION

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. Resolution No. 2022-90 Flag Raising Policy
2. Exemplar of the Progress Pride Flag
3. Resolution No. 2025-XX