



**DATE:** June 20, 2017

**CATEGORY:** Initiated by Council

**DEPT.:** City Council

**TITLE:** **Authorization to Fly Pride Flag**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the City Council authorize the flying of the Pride Flag for up to 10 days during the month of June in years 2017 through 2020.

### **BACKGROUND**

Last year, Council approved my request to fly the Pride Flag in June 2016. I am making a similar request for a multi-year period.

I respectfully request that Council authorize the LGBT Pride Flag, also known as the rainbow flag, to be flown under the City flag outside City Hall for up to 10 days during the month of June (LGBT Pride Month) in years 2017 through 2020. I also ask that the Mayor consider issuing a proclamation recognizing LGBT Pride Month in Mountain View each of those years as in prior years.

Current Council Policy (see Attachment 1 – Policy K-11) does not reference or have criteria for flags that are not “official” or “pennants of societies,” so I want to make sure Council has input on whether or not flying the rainbow flag would be appropriate. The flag is approximately 5’x8’, similar in size, but not larger than the other flags flown.

I am not requesting that Council change current policy with this request unless desired. I am simply seeking approval for this particular flag and time frame. I feel it is an appropriate exception since the rainbow flag symbolizes diversity and inclusiveness, two values important to the Mountain View community.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The flag will be donated. No additional funding or staff time is required.

**ALTERNATIVES**

1. Do not authorize the flying of the Pride Flag.
2. Authorize the Pride Flag to be flown each June until the Council decides otherwise.
3. Only authorize the Pride Flag to be flown for 10 days in June 2017.
4. Provide other direction.

**PUBLIC NOTICING** – Agenda posting.

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Attachment: 1. Council Policy K-11