



DATE: May 3, 2016

CATEGORY: Items 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 15 days during the month of June.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

I would like to 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 15 days during the month of June (LGBT Pride Month). I also ask that the Mayor consider issuing a proclamation recognizing LGBT Pride Month in Mountain View as we have done in prior years.

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

This is not a request for Council to change current policy, though Council could certainly ask staff to review and/or update current policy if desired. I feel this is an appropriate exception since the rainbow flag symbolizes diversity and inclusivity, two values important to the Mountain View community.

FISCAL IMPACT

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

ALTERNATIVES

1. Do not authorize the flying of the Pride Flag.
2. Request the Council Procedures Committee review the current policy and return to Council with recommendations for modifications.
3. Provide other direction.

PUBLIC NOTICING – Agenda posting.

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Attachment: 1. Council Policy K-11