

Agenda Report Reviewed by:  
 City Manager: 

CITY OF SEBASTOPOL  
 CITY COUNCIL  
 AGENDA ITEM

**Meeting Date:** June 15, 2021  
**To:** Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers  
**From:** Public Works Superintendent, Dante Del Prete  
**Subject:** Approval to raise the Progressive Pride Flag at Sebastopol City Hall annually during the month of June  
**Recommendation:** Staff recommends Council Approve the Request  
**Funding:** Currently Budgeted: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ N/A X

Account Code/Costs authorized in City Approved Budget (if applicable) AK (verified by Administrative Services Department)

**INTRODUCTION/PURPOSE:**

The item tonight is to request that Council approve the request and approve raising the Progressive Pride Flag at Sebastopol City Hall annually during the month of June.

**BACKGROUND:**

Throughout the year, the City Council recognizes organizations, individuals, and various national events to highlight noteworthy public contributions and achievements. Recognition can take the form of resolutions, proclamations, certificates, letters, and plaques. Council is also sometimes asked to display specific flags on the flagpole at City Hall to commemorate a cause or event. The Mayor has issued a proclamation recognizing June as National Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Pride Month. As part of that recognition, it is often customary to fly the Pride Flag at City Hall for the month of June.

**DISCUSSION:**

City of Sebastopol is a community that emulates the spirit of all American ideals, valuing our individual experiences and supporting and protecting people of any race, religion, ancestry, ethnicity, ability, gender, sexual orientation, or gender identity. The City of Sebastopol has long history of inclusiveness and its public service ethic of helping our city continue to thrive as a culturally diverse community where all are welcome, safe, and acknowledged. Recognizing Progressive Pride month is in alignment with the City Council’s values.

**GOALS:**

- 4.2.2, Foster a Sense of Community by Providing and Encouraging Participation in Community Events, Volunteering, and working with Non Profits to Support Local Events
- 5.3.3, Encourage and increase public awareness of City Policies, decisions, programs, and all public processes and meetings, by investigating effective methods of communication and obtaining feedback from the community.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

As of the writing of this staff report, the city has not received any public comment. However, staff anticipates receiving public comment from interested parties following the publication and distribution of this staff report. Such comments will be provided to the City Council as supplemental materials before or at the meeting. In addition, public comments may be offered during the public comment portion of the agenda item.

**PUBLIC NOTICE:**

This item was noticed in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act and was available for public viewing and review at least 72 hours prior to schedule meeting date.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Cost associated with this request can be accommodated within the current operational budget.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Sebastopol City Council approve raising the Progressive Pride Flag at Sebastopol City Hall annually during the month of June.

**Attachments:**

Progressive Pride Flag Graphic

Progressive Pride Flag



While retaining the common six-stripe **rainbow** design as a base, the "Progress" variation adds a chevron along the hoist that features black, brown, light blue, pink, and white stripes to bring those communities (marginalized people of color, trans individuals, and those living with HIV/AIDS and those who have been lost).