

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-29

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS
PERMITTING THE RAISING OF THE PROGRESS PRIDE FLAG IN
RECOGNITION OF PRIDE MONTH**

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, City Council wishes to express support for all members of the LGBTQ+ community who identify with this flag; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, the City Council may display flags recognized as government speech under the City of Los Altos Flag Raising Policy, Resolution No. 2022-90; and

WHEREAS, the Flag Raising Policy states that the City Council may consider authorizing the display of a flag on City property by referral from the Mayor, the Council as a whole, or a City commission, or on application of a member of the community; and

WHEREAS, on May 9, 2023, the City Council gave direction to consider authorizing the display of the Pride flag as a future agenda item; and

WHEREAS, the Flag Raising Policy prohibits flags conveying specified messages, and the City Council finds that the Progress Pride flag does not convey any of the prohibited messages, and that this Resolution substantially conforms to all the requirements of the Flag Raising Policy; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the Progress Pride flag is government speech in that the history and symbolism of the flag as described above constitute a message that the City of Los Altos desires to convey on behalf of its residents;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Los Altos hereby recognizes the LGBTQ+ community by displaying the Progress Pride flag from June 1, 2023 through June 7, 2023 at City Hall.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Altos at a meeting thereof on the 23rd day of May, 2023 by the following vote:

AYES: Dailey, Fligor, Meadows and Weinstein

NOES:


ABSENT:

ABSTAIN: Lee Eng

ATTEST:



Sally Meadows
Mayor



Melissa Thurman, MMC
City Clerk