



City of Emeryville

CALIFORNIA

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 18, 2022
TO: Christine Daniel, City Manager
FROM: Sheri Hartz, City Clerk
SUBJECT: Discussion on Whether to Fly The Pan-African Flag At City Hall Each Year In February In Recognition Of The Significance Of Black History Month

RECOMMENDATION

This agenda item offers City Council the opportunity to discuss whether to approve a future resolution to fly the Pan-African flag at City Hall each year in February in recognition of the significance of Black History Month.

BACKGROUND

At the December 21, 2021, regular City Council meeting, Mayor Bauters requested and received majority support that an item be added to the January 18, 2022, City Council meeting agenda for the Council to discuss whether to approve a resolution to fly the Pan-African flag at City Hall each year in February in recognition of the significance of Black History Month.

DISCUSSION

The month of February is officially celebrated as Black History Month and is a time to recognize the heritage and achievement of Black Americans. In 1920, the United Negro Improvement Association adopted the Pan-African flag as the universal symbol of black liberation, and the City of Emeryville raised the Pan-African flag at City Hall for the first time for the month of February 2018. The Council then passed a separate resolution in 2019 to again fly the flag in February of 2019.

FISCAL IMPACT

There are no direct fiscal impacts to the City from taking this action.

STAFF COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC

This item was requested by Mayor Bauters at the December 21, 2021 meeting.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Not applicable

CONCLUSION

Whether to discuss the matter and provide staff direction is at the Council's discretion.

PREPARED BY: Sheri Hartz, City Clerk

**APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EMERYVILLE:**



Christine Daniel, City Manager

ATTACHMENTS

- None