



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS  
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 2/17/2026

ITEM NO: 12

DESK ITEM

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DATE: February 17, 2025

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Chris Constantin, Town Manager

SUBJECT: **Adopt Amendments to Council Policy 5-02 Flag Policy to Establish a Commemorative Flag Framework**

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt amendments to Council Policy 5-02 Flag Policy to establish a formal framework permitting the display of commemorative flags as an exercise of government speech, when initiated by a Councilmember and approved by resolution of the Town Council.

REMARKS:

Attachment 3 contains public comments received before 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

Attachment Received with the Staff Report:

1. Current Flag Policy 5-02
2. Amended Flag Policy 5-02

Attachment Received with this Desk Item:

3. Public comment received before 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 17, 2026

**From:** Mary Buxton [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 14, 2026 3:59 PM  
**To:** Council <Council@losgatosca.gov>  
**Subject:** 2/17 Town council meeting

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Dear Los Gatos City Council:

I am writing in support of raising the pride flag in Los Gatos.

I am out of town and may not be able to join the zoom.

However, I attended the last meeting about this and would like to express my support for

**12. Adopt Amendments to Council Policy 5-02 Flag Policy to Establish a Commemorative Flag Framework**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt amendments to Council Policy 5-02 Flag Policy to establish a formal framework permitting the display of commemorative flags as an exercise of government speech, when initiated by a Councilmember and approved by resolution of the Town Council.

**13. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Display of the Progress Pride Flag at Town Hall**

**During the Month of June 2026**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the display of the Progress Pride Flag at Town Hall during the month of June 2026, consistent with the Town's amended Flag Policy permitting commemorative flags when initiated and approved by the Town Council by resolution and constituting government speech.

Many thanks!

Mary Buxton

**From:** [Kathleen Kara Conley](#)  
**To:** [Council](#)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Pride Flag Raising  
**Date:** Monday, February 16, 2026 10:26:24 AM

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[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Hello Council members,

I am writing in support of the flag raising items on the February 17 agenda. Items 12 and 13.

Thank you for supporting diversity and humane policies in our community.

Best regards,

[Kathleen Conley](#)

[REDACTED] Los Gatos, CA 95032

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[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

ATTACHMENT 3

**From:** [Denise Leffers](#)  
**To:** [Council](#)  
**Subject:** Flag Policy and Pride Flag Raising  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 17, 2026 7:20:49 AM

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[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Dear Council Members:

Today you will vote on a flag policy and the raising of the pride flag. I am in support of both. Please stand up for diversity and inclusion by voting in favor of both.

As a licensed mental health professional of 40 years I have witnessed first hand the difficulty that many gay and trans youngsters have with accepting themselves in an environment that at times can be unwelcoming and even hostile. Sometimes living becomes unbearably painful when feeling so rejected by one's family, friends and community. It is well documented the high rate of suicidal ideation and attempted suicides in this population.

I implore each and every council member to stand with these young people and vote in favor of the flag policy and raising of the pride flag.

Respectfully,

Denise A. Leffers, MFT

Los Gatos

**From:** [Jean Mundell](#)  
**To:** [Council](#)  
**Subject:** Items 12 and 13  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 17, 2026 10:40:49 AM

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[EXTERNAL SENDER]

I am a member of the social justice committee of the Methodist church, an American of Japanese descent, a wife, and mother.

I have experienced prejudice because of my sex and my race. I urge the council to vote YES on both items; this will declare that our town is accepting and proud of all our residents.

Jean Mundell  
[REDACTED] Los Gatos 95032  
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