



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS  
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 2/17/2026

ITEM NO: 13

DESK ITEM

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DATE: February 17, 2025  
TO: Mayor and Town Council  
FROM: Chris Constantin, Town Manager  
SUBJECT: **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.

REMARKS:

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

Attachment Received with the Staff Report:

1. Resolution Authorizing Display of the Progress Pride Flag

Attachment Received with Addendum:

2. Public comment received before 11:00 a.m., Friday, February 13, 2026

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:** [Amy Winkler](#)  
**To:** [Council](#)  
**Subject:** Los Gatos Town Council - Progress Pride Flag Item  
**Date:** Monday, February 16, 2026 10:10:23 AM

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[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Hello,

I'm a resident of Los Gatos, residing in the Santa Cruz Mountains. I'm writing in support of raising the Progress Pride Flag (Item 13 on the agenda this week) for the month of June 2026. I feel safe anytime I see a Pride flag. To me, it says that here is a place where people stand up for each other and listen, even if they don't have the same experiences.

I also would like to share that I only learned about the 1969 Stonewall Uprising last year during Pride month. These stories are important and I only know a little bit of LGBTQ+ history because of Pride month! Telling these stories is how we can better understand each other and how we got here. Openly celebrating Pride month, taking small actions of support, like raising the Progress Pride Flag, create opportunities for us to more deeply understand one another and ultimately create a more peaceful world.

Thank you for bringing this topic up for discussion!

Best,  
Amy

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Amy Winkler  
Santa Cruz Mountains, CA 95033  
[REDACTED]

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**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

Inline image

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

**From:** [Jessica Richter](#)  
**To:** [Council](#)  
**Subject:** Support for raising of Progress Pride Flag during the month of June 2026 and beyond  
**Date:** Monday, February 16, 2026 10:45:48 AM

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[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Hello,

I am writing in support of item 13 to be heard at the upcoming Los Gatos Town Council meeting on Feb. 17 - I urge you to support any needed policy changes that enable the Pride Flag to be raised at Town Hall during Pride month in June 2026 and in the future. Celebrating the experience of diverse groups of Americans and of their individual rights is critical at this time. Many towns and cities in the Bay Area raise the Pride Flag in June and Los Gatos should be among them in honoring our LGBTQ family members, colleagues, friends and neighbors. Please vote yes on both items necessary to enable the Pride Flag to be raised.

Regards,  
Jessica Richter  
95032 resident and proud family member of LGBTQ person

**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:** [Maxine Granadino](#)  
**To:** [Council](#)  
**Subject:** Progress Pride flag  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 17, 2026 7:49:14 AM

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[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Hello,

I am able to attend the council meeting this evening, but would like to express my support for raising the progress pride flag this June and every June.

Thank you,  
Maxine Granadino

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Pat Blair](#)  
**To:** [Council](#)  
**Subject:** Pride flag raising  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 17, 2026 8:18:12 AM

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[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Dear Council,

I stand in strong support of raising the Pride Flag. All members of our community, especially the oft times disenfranchised, deserve recognition.

Thank you,

Pat Blair  
[REDACTED] Los Gatos, CA 95032

**From:** [Planning](#)  
**To:** [Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Item 13 2/17/26  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 17, 2026 8:42:04 AM  
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Hello,

Please see email below from a member of the public regarding a Council item.

Thank you,



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**From:** Flag [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 16, 2026 11:03 PM  
**To:** Planning <[Planning@losgatosca.gov](mailto:Planning@losgatosca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Item 13 2/17/26

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Dear Council Members

First of all, I would like to remain anonymous as I give my point of view on item 13, raising the pride flag. Let's start with that, why would I want to remain anonymous? I am a 16 year old, currently attending Los Gatos High School, so I should be enjoying my life, right? Free from any worries of adulthood, et cetera et cetera. Yet I still feel like I'll be attacked or something for wanting to speak out about an issue concerning inclusivity.

We should all be able to live our lives and feel at home inside our skin, yet we can't. I know many others just like me. Los Gatos should be a safe place for everyone, and raising the pride flag shows that. Even if you aren't part of the LGBTQ+ community, the flag still represents that you are an ally, someone who acknowledges that these people are in fact people.

This should be a simple decision, in my opinion. Raise the flag. It shows that everyone supports each other here. That should be the case.

Thank you, Council Members  
Anonymous Local Highschooler

**From:** [Planning](#)  
**To:** [Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Support testimony for Measure 13  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 17, 2026 10:28:10 AM  
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Hello,

Please see comment regarding a TC item.

Thank you,



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**From:** Nelson Kramer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 17, 2026 9:30 AM  
**To:** Planning <[Planning@losgatosca.gov](mailto:Planning@losgatosca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Support testimony for Measure 13

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

My name is Nelson Kramer and I am a student at LGHS. In regard to Measure 13 and the proposal to raise the Pride flag in Los Gatos during the month of June, I am in full support.

As a student at Los Gatos High School, I can say that I've felt supported both as a student and as an individual for many years. I feel free to express every part of who I am, and it's time we extend that same support to the queer community. The reality is that LGBTQ+ people live here too.

Many today may ask questions like “why do we have to show this outward support?” My answer is because we owe it to them. For example, you can raise your American flags and feel safe expressing an aspect of our identity, why can’t we extend that RIGHT to the LGBTQ community or simply the LGBTQ people who live in our community.

This goes beyond religious beliefs. This is about being an American. We live in a country where we all have the right to express ourselves, a country where we all deserve to feel supported.

To whoever may be reading this or listening to this digital testimony, please find it in your hearts to support this measure because it will go so far in lifting up our closest peers, friends, and family.

Sincerely,  
Nelson K.

**From:** [Sandy O'Gorman](#)  
**To:** [Council](#)  
**Subject:** Progress Pride Flag Raising - YES YES and YES!!  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 17, 2026 10:33:58 AM

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[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Hello,

I am unable to attend the meeting today but strongly encourage you to vote YES on the resolution to raise the Progress Pride Flag during June 2026.

We have made progress, but not nearly enough and our community depends upon a strong city council to keep our diversity and inclusion efforts going full steam.

Please vote yes on this resolution.

Sincerely,

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Sandy O'Gorman

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**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  
[REDACTED]