



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: June 16, 2009

ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE FLAG OF THE FORMER REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AS THE OFFICIAL FLAG OF THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE OVERSEAS

DATE: JUNE 10, 2009

FROM: CITY MANAGER'S DEPARTMENT/ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

PRESENTATION BY: ALLAN R. MANSOOR, MAYOR

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RECOMMENDATION:

Mayor Allan Mansoor requests that the City Council adopt Resolution 09- recognizing the flag of the former Republic of Vietnam as the official flag of the Vietnamese people overseas.

BACKGROUND:

The Mayor recently received a request from Councilman Andy Quach of the City of Westminster to recognize, by resolution, the flag of the former Republic of Vietnam as the official flag of the Vietnamese people overseas.

ANALYSIS:

California is home to a number of people of Vietnamese heritage who immigrated to the United States after the fall of Saigon in 1975. The vast majority of these acknowledge the flag of the former Republic of Vietnam as the true flag of the nation of Vietnam. This flag consists of three horizontal red stripes (gules) on a field of gold. They oppose the flag adopted by the current communist regime in Vietnam as a symbol of the current one-party, communist regime.

By Executive Order, the State of California has declared that "the flag of the former Republic of Vietnam, with three red stripes upon a field of yellow, and dating back to 1948, has been and will continue to be a symbol of resilience, freedom and democracy to many Vietnamese-Americans in California" and formally recognizes "the Vietnamese Freedom and Heritage Flag as the official symbol of the California Vietnamese-American Community." Colorado, Florida and Louisiana as well as many cities across the Country, including the cities of Westminster and Garden Grove, have done the same. Mayor Mansoor is asking that the City Council of Costa Mesa join in this effort by adopting the attached resolution (see Attachment 1).

FISCAL REVIEW:

No fiscal review is necessary.

LEGAL REVIEW:

No legal review is necessary.

CONCLUSION:

Mayor Allan Mansoor requests that the City Council adopt Resolution 09- recognizing the flag of the former Republic of Vietnam as the official flag of the Vietnamese people overseas.

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ATTACHMENTS: 1 [Resolution 09-](#)