

**CITY OF TEMECULA
AGENDA REPORT**

TO: City Manager/City Council

FROM: Randi Johl, Director of Legislative Affairs/City Clerk

DATE: September 26, 2023

SUBJECT: Consider Amendments to Pride Proclamation Text and Proclamation Program Recipients and Provide Direction Regarding the Same (At the Request of Subcommittee Members Mayor Pro Tem Stewart and Council Member Alexander)

PREPARED BY: Randi Johl, Director of Legislative Affairs/City Clerk

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council consider amendments to the Pride Proclamation text and proclamation program recipients and provide direction regarding the same.

BACKGROUND: On January 10, 2023, at the request of the Public Recognitions Subcommittee of Mayor Pro Tem Stewart and Council Member Alexander, the City Council approved the current Public Recognitions Policy. The Council also approved the 2023 Proclamation List and directed the following proclamations to be presented at the REDI Commission: Black History Month, Women’s History Month, Arab American Heritage Month, Asian American and Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander Month, Jewish American Heritage Month, Pride Month, Hispanic Heritage Month, and Native American Heritage Month. On July 11, 2023, Council Member Alexander requested that the matter of proclamations, including the Pride Proclamation be sent back to the subcommittee. The subcommittee met with staff on August 22nd and August 29th to review and discuss the same. The subcommittee provided consensus to (1) remove Temecula Valley Unified School District (TVUSD) student clubs from all proclamation recipient lists and instead proceed with student clubs from Mount San Jacinto College (MSJC) and others as previously approved, (2) remove the + reference from all LGBTQ acronyms in the Pride Proclamation and related messaging, (3) and amend the current language of the Pride Proclamation as follows:

“WHEREAS, Pride Month commemorates ~~the efforts of the June 1969 uprising at Stonewall in New York City where~~ members of the LGBTQ+ community and allies, who rose to fight discriminatory laws that have since been declared unconstitutional; and

WHEREAS, the month of Pride is celebrated through various recognitions and activities in support of the LGBTQ+ community locally, statewide, nationally, and internationally; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ individuals, families, and supporters are an integral part of the fabric of the community and contribute to its overall economy and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ members are represented in the public and private sector as professionals, business owners, educators, students, volunteers, veterans, and more; and

WHEREAS, Temecula appreciates the value and dignity of each person and acknowledges the important contributions of the LGBTQ+ community to promote principles of equality, acceptance, and love; and

WHEREAS, these contributions include those of the LGBTQ+ youth of the community and their allies, including the ~~Chaparral High School GSA, the Great Oak High School GSA, Temecula Valley High School Pride Club, and Rancho Vista High School Pride Club~~ (insert new recipients); and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that ~~young~~ people in our community feel valued, protected, personally empowered, and supported by their peers and community leaders, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or other expression; and

WHEREAS, all are welcome in the City of Temecula to live, work, and play, and every individual and family, of any diversity, deserves to be protected from abuse, enjoy equal protection under the law, and live in a happy home supported by friends and neighbors supportive community; and”

It is therefore recommended that the City Council consider the recommendations of the subcommittee and provide direction regarding the same.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

ATTACHMENTS: None