



City Council Memorandum

City of Arts & Innovation

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TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

FROM: CITY COUNCIL OFFICE WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: REPEAL RESOLUTION NO. 23947 DATED 17 JANUARY 2023

ISSUE:

Repeal City Council Resolution No. 23947 and return to our city’s time honored tradition of displaying only the United States of America flag, the State flag of California and the flag of the City of Riverside on city owned buildings and flag poles.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council repeal City Council Resolution No. 23947, dated January 17, 2023, and return to displaying only the United States of America flag, the State flag of California and the flag of the City of Riverside on all city owned buildings and flag poles. In addition, continue the city’s historic actions of honoring our Military Prisoners of War and Missing in Action members by flying the nationally recognized POW/MIA Flag at the city’s various Military Memorials.

BACKGROUND:

For over 140 years, the city of Riverside has displayed and honored our country, state and city by proudly flying the flags of the United States of America, the State of California and the City of Riverside representing all the people of Riverside. In addition, the city has completed various Military Memorials which fly the nationally celebrated flag recognizing Military Prisoners of War and Missing in Action members by flying the POW/MIA at our military memorial sites.

DISCUSSION:

Historically, the City of Riverside has displayed flags in conformance with Federal and State statutes which outline standards for the display of the flag of the United States, the State of California flag, and the City of Riverside flag. When properly displayed, flags are powerful symbols of our shared history, pride, togetherness, principles and commitment to our nation, state and community. Government is supposed to represent all its’ people and by displaying the flag of the United States of America, the California State Flag and the proud Flag of the City of Riverside, we truly represent all the citizens of Riverside.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

Prepared by:

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Chuck Conder, Councilmember Ward 4

Approved as to form: Phaedra A. Norton, City Attorney