



COUNCIL AGENDA: 08-28-07  
ITEM: 3.7

## *Memorandum*

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**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Lee Price, MMC  
City Clerk 

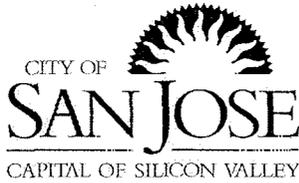
**SUBJECT:** POW/MIA FLAG RAISING

**DATE:** August 17, 2007

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### RECOMMENDATION

As recommended by the Rules and Open Government Committee on August 8, 2007 adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to annually display the POW/MIA Flag as outlined in the attached memo previously submitted to and approved by the Rules & Open Government Committee.



# Memorandum

*Chuck Reed*

**TO:** RULES & OPEN GOVERNMENT  
COMMITTEE

**FROM:** Mayor Chuck Reed

**SUBJECT:** POW/MIA FLAG RAISING

**DATE:** August 1, 2007

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## RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to annually display the POW/MIA flag at City Hall on the third Friday of September in acknowledgement of National POW/MIA Recognition Day.

## BACKGROUND

On October 17, 2006 the City Council approved changes to Council Policy 2-1 for the Exhibition of Federal, State, City, and Ceremonial Flags from City Buildings. These changes were combined with a resolution to permanently display the POW/MIA flag beneath the United States Flag at the Old City Hall site. The idea to also display the flag at the New City Hall came out of ongoing discussions between the Mayor's Office and the United Veterans Council of Santa Clara County. Presenting the flag at City Hall will heighten the awareness of National POW/MIA Recognition Day, held on the third Friday of September.

The POW/MIA flag was created in 1971 by the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia. It was to represent those missing or captured in the Vietnam War but has become a symbol for all of those missing from U.S. military action since World War II. The POW/MIA Flag is a nationally recognized flag, and the only flag, besides the United States Flag, to have been flown over the White House. It is also the first flag permanently displayed in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda.