

Levesque, Jennifer

From: Barbara Alvernaz [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, January 19, 2025 8:23 PM
To: cityclerk
Cc: Steve and Barbara
Subject: Bob Hart Flags

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I believe we should only fly two flags that represent all Americans and Californians. Our California Republic Flag and our beautiful Stars and Stripes reflect all populations. Opening up other special interest groups divides us. Don't open up yourself to a variety of flags. Keep it simple.

Respectfully,

Barbara Alvernaz This email has been scanned by a Spam/Virus Firewall. IF your email has been classified as Spam please contact the HelpDesk at (209) 384-6180.

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From: Jeffrey Carter [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 17, 2025 1:02 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: Commemorative flags

Merced City Council

Concerning commemorative flags. The key were being “commemorative”. Check the application. These are to be for a commemorative event. Not somebody’s personal life choices that is an individual’s personal statement. if they wish to display a flag about that, let them do it in front of their own house. Not the cities.

This year, listen to the people and not a few screaming individuals that demand you display their personal life choices that they do not support, Merced does not need the controversy with all the other more important things going on. Please no Pride flag.

Thank you
Jeffrey Carter

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From: Jeffrey Carter [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 17, 2025 1:06 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: Merced City Council

Merced City council H5

You people cannot make a case for flying the pride flag by itself. So you have to combine it into a single consent item H5 for commemorative flags in order to get it past. Shame on you. Just plain sneaky politics.

Before you vote, yes on H5 make sure the public knows exactly which commemorative flags you are approving to be displayed at Bob Hart Square.

Please keep the public honestly informed. Don't sneak stuff in.

Jeffrey Carter

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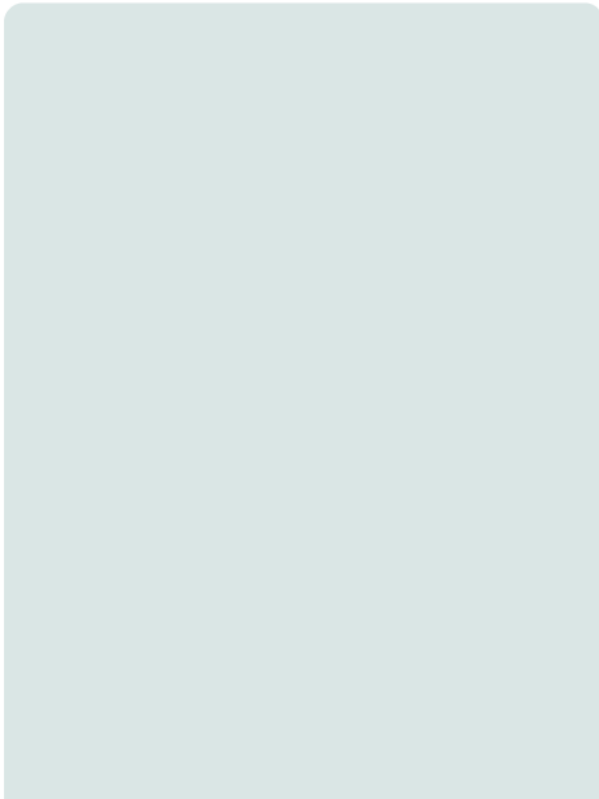
From: [Smith, Shane](#)
To: [Levesque, Jennifer](#)
Cc: [Medina, Alejandra](#)
Subject: Fw: Pride flag
Date: Monday, January 20, 2025 10:08:57 PM

From: Jeffrey Carter [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 20, 2025 8:26 PM
To: Harris, Michael <HarrisM@cityofmerced.org>; Dupont, Darin <dupontd@cityofmerced.org>; Smith, Shane <smithS@cityofmerced.org>; Serratto, Matthew <serrattom@cityofmerced.org>; De Anda, Ronnie <deandaR@cityofmerced.org>; Boyle, Sarah <BoyleS@cityofmerced.org>; Xiong, Fue <xiongF@cityofmerced.org>
Cc: McBride, Scott <McBrideS@cityofmerced.org>; Cornwell, Craig <cornwellc@cityofmerced.org>
Subject: Pride flag

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Councilmen:

Just stay neutral on flying the pride flag in June 2025. Do as a City of Downey has done and do not vote to fly the flag. Flying the flag about people's personal life choices is doing more to divide Merced than to united. It should be none of the City Council's business. Just because somebody demands you fly their flag doesn't mean you should. You will end up flying everybody's flag. If you choose to fly one, you'll have to fly them all.





**Downey council votes to no longer fly
LGBTQ+ Pride flag, adopts 'neutral' policy**

abc7.com

Thank you

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, January 18, 2025 6:29 AM
To: cityclerk
Subject: Item H5

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City Council members

Do not combined the pride flag with MLK Flag into a single vote.

That is being completely dishonest with the people of Merced. Why not include these two flags as well. Some people may believe they are commemorative. We don't. But everybody needs their voice to be heard if they do.

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The pride flag is not a commander flag. It is a flag about people's personal life choices and has no business being endorsed by the Merced City Council or the people of Merced. What exactly would it be commemorative of? Please explain that before you vote.

You won't you'll just sneak it in like you do with everything else that cannot stand on its own Merritt.

City clerk

Anonymous emails and public comments are required by law to be posted.

This is a request by the public to have item H5 be pulled for public discussion and separate consideration before a vote.

Each council member please explain why you support this.

From a citizen

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From: Peggy Palma [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, January 18, 2025 10:29 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: Pride Flag Item H5

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A flag that represents sexual orientation does not have any business being flown on city or state property. Please consider this a NO VOTE. Merced county flipped red for a reason. Keep sexual orientation and indoctrination of the topic out of the city and state and let it be for the individual. Help keep us a family town.

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From: Heather Phan [REDACTED]
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To: cityclerk
Subject: Merced City Council

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Hello,

In regards to consent item H5, as a lifelong resident of Merced city, I do not agree with a pride flag being displayed at Bob Hart Square. The only flags that should be displayed are the United States flag and our state flag. Anything other than those should not be considered. I would like to ask the council to consider my opinion on this matter. Thank you.

Regards,

Heather

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1-20-25

To: Mayor Matthew Serrato, CITY OF MERCED
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In response to flying a homosexual flag (gay flag) in Bob Hart Square, I say No. We are all Americans and Californians; nice to see only the United States flag should fly at Bob Hart Square.

Also if you want to beautify Merced, start with the basics. Clean up all trash and all graffiti, even if we have to clean it up every day and every week.

Sincerely,

Kathy Rodriguez
Resident of Merced.