

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS I
Office of the City Clerk

City Council of the City of Napa
Regular Meeting

May 5, 2020

FOR THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NAPA:

AFTERNOON SESSION:

5. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

5.A. Display Rainbow Flag in Celebration of Pride Month.

- Email from Marietta Williams received on May 2, 2020. *
- Email from Anne Sutkowi-Hemstreet received on May 4, 2020. *
- Email from Jeni Olsen received on May 5, 2020. *
- Email from Beth Nelsen received on May 5, 2020. *

5.B. Proclamation of Local Emergency to Respond to the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

- Email and attachment from Jeri Hansen on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce Coalition received on May 4, 2020.

****EMAIL WILL BE READ INTO THE RECORD BY CITY STAFF DURING THE MEETING.***

From: [Marietta Williams](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR MAY 5, 2020 MEETING – PLEASE READ
Date: Saturday, May 2, 2020 3:07:16 PM

[EXTERNAL]

In response to Item 5A

"We would like to thank and commend the City of Napa for raising the Rainbow Flag in honor of Pride month and our local LGBTQ community. Our family is honored to raise our children in a community that takes steps to actively respect human rights.

With gratitude,
Etta, Ryan, Finn, Poppy & Campbell Williams"

From: [Anne Sutkowi-Hemstreet](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR MAY 5, 2020 MEETING – PLEASE READ (5A agenda item)
Date: Monday, May 4, 2020 2:19:36 PM

[EXTERNAL]

Hello,

Below is my comment regarding agenda item 5A (Rainbow Flag). My name is Anne Sutkowi-Hemstreet and I am a Napa resident.

Thank you for taking the time to read and listen to my comment regarding flying the Rainbow Flag for Pride Month during June 2020.

We had an historical year in Napa County last year. All of the cities, as well as both County offices, flew the rainbow flag for Pride Month FOR THE FIRST TIME. LGBTQ individuals – older, younger, parents, youth – voiced to our leaders that we want visibility and to feel safe in our communities, schools, and workplace. Visibility of our LGBTQ community – and the visibility of the support of our families, friends, and community leaders – is what has shifted the thinking of the majority of our country, state, and city. Because we come out to our loved ones and in the community, because there are more OUT public figures, because there are allies that proudly talk about their LGBTQ family and friends, we've seen an incredible shift towards acceptance (and celebration dare I say!) of the LGBTQ community.

And NOW we can add the visibility of support from our city and county leaders to the list. I commend you for flying the rainbow flag last June, and look forward to seeing it fly this June. It was an incredibly moving moment for me to stand with my wife, 3 year old and 6 week old daughters while the rainbow flag was raised outside City Hall. Throughout the month of June, we would just drive or walk by to look again at the flag waving in the breeze.

And now...it's a year later. And our entire community is struggling. We are all stressed, working extra hard to support our families and communities during a global pandemic. We are struggling to put food on the table or get rent paid. We are doing our best to stay healthy. We are also finding ourselves thirsty for uplifting and positive news and activities. Well, the Rainbow Flag is exactly that. It symbolizes love and community. It symbolizes diversity, which is what makes our community stronger – particularly during difficult times like these. It symbolizes life, healing, sunlight, nature, harmony, and spirit....all things we need more of these days.

Thank you for demonstrating your support for LGBTQ community members by flying the Rainbow Flag this June. It will be a bright spot for many in a time where we so desperately need one.

Anne

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Supplemental I - 5.A.

From: Jeni Olsen

From: [Jeni Olsen](#)

To: [Clerk](#)

Subject: COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR MAY 5, 2020 MEETING – (5A agenda item)

Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 10:01:44 AM

[EXTERNAL]

Hello,

My name is Jeni Olsen and I am a resident of Napa.

I am writing to thank you for your continued commitment to flying the Rainbow Flag and considering the adoption of a resolution to commemorate June as Pride Month.

Your leadership last June paved the way for all other cities and Napa County to fly the rainbow flag, and I saw and heard first hand how meaningful this was to our community, especially our LGBTQ community. I am thrilled that the City of Napa has created a Display of Flags Policy, and look forward to seeing the rainbow flag flying each June.

I am proud to live in Napa, where we celebrate diversity, inclusion, safety and support of all our residents!

Jeni Olsen

Founder and Executive Director

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Supplemental I - 5.A.
From: Beth Nelsen

From: [Beth Nelsen](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: 5A, COMMENT TO COUNCIL FOR MAY 5, 2020 3:30 MEETING – PLEASE READ
Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 10:47:36 AM

[EXTERNAL]

Good afternoon city council, I am Beth Nelsen, city of Napa resident and proud member of the Rainbow Action Network. I am writing to thank you all, including City Manager Steve Potter, Public Works Director Julie Lucido, Liz Habkirk and Tiffany Carranza. You have all worked with us to ensure that the adoption of the proclamation for Pride month and the flying of the rainbow flag happen this year. I do not think I will ever forget delivering the new City flag to Julie last week, via the hood of my car, while my child and I stayed sheltered inside the vehicle, practicing the new norms of our times. As you have likely read, Pride celebrations throughout the US and the world have been canceled this year, with the last count being at over 120 official celebrations worldwide which are now unable to take place in 2020.

While we may be sheltering in place, the flag will continue to serve as a marker of peace. For LGBTQ people, the flag has served as a symbol of safety and hope, and I've no doubt that the people in our city who need to see it, will do so. These are happenstances that cannot be measured by tangible means, but I can assure you as someone who was a closeted Napa resident for many, many years, this is important. This matters.

I am so grateful to you all for your swift action last year, putting Napa on an international map that says to our residents and visitors, "We welcome you." You were on the radar of the Rainbow Action Network to be reached out to for these continued efforts this year, yet you all have gone above and beyond in working with us to see this happen.

Last year, after the City raised the flag, I took my family out to dinner. We were seated by the window of Oenotri and I noticed two bears I had never seen before in Napa, (in LGBTQ culture a "bear" is an empowering term that refers to larger men who tend to have more body hair), walking hand in hand down the street, with huge smiles on their faces. They had just walked past our new flag and I am certain they were basking in those good feelings we all share when we know we are in a place that accepts and embraces us for who we are, the people we were born to be. Many LGBTQ people come from families who have not been so accepting, so when a city takes a stand to say, "we see you and you matter," this is important and could even potentially save lives.

City of Napa, we are so pleased for your continued alliance and we thank you for your evidenced commitment to human rights.

From: Jeri Hansen <jeri@jerihansencompany.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 7:38 PM
To: Jill Techel <jtechel@cityofnapa.org>; Doris Gentry <dgentry@cityofnapa.org>; Scott Sedgley <ssedgley@cityofnapa.org>; Mary Luros <mluros@cityofnapa.org>; Liz Alessio <lalessio@cityofnapa.org>
Cc: Steve Potter <spotter@cityofnapa.org>; travis <travis@napachamber.com>; Michael Murray <mike@NapaRecycling.com>
Subject: Chamber coalition letter on business reopening guidance

[EXTERNAL]

Dear Mayor Techel and members of the Napa City Council,

I am attaching a copy of the letter sent to the Board of Supervisors from a coalition of the five local Chambers of Commerce. The Board of Supervisors will be hearing more about the "Napa County Recovery Roadmap" during their meeting tomorrow (Tuesday, May 5). We wanted to make sure you had a copy of the letter for your information.

We are working together to collect and compile input from our business community on best practices and protocols for business reopening. We will be sharing these recommendations with the Napa County Public Health Officer in the coming days.

Beyond reopening, we will continue to work together on strategies for economic recovery.

Thank you for the leadership you are providing during this challenging time.

All the best,
Jeri

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Supplemental I - 5.B.

From: Jeri Hansen, Chamber of Commerce Coalition

May 4, 2020

Napa County Board of Supervisors
Supervisor Diane Dillon, Chair
1195 Third Street
Napa, CA 94559

Dear Chair Dillon and members of the Napa County Board of Supervisors,

The Chambers of Commerce of American Canyon, Napa, Yountville, St. Helena and Calistoga have formed a coalition to coalesce and convey the needs of businesses and their workforce to local government as we all work on safely reopening.

This coalition is gathering input from business and community stakeholders to develop draft guidance and rules of engagement for business sector reopening and economic recovery. We have given our working groups a due date of Friday, May 8 for input. We will then compile and submit sector recommendations to the Napa County Public Health Officer for review and consideration as outlined in "Napa County's Recovery Roadmap" version 1.0 of April 30, 2020.

Of note, we are aware of Governor Newsom's recent announcement that the retail and hospitality sectors may be moved to Stage 2 reopening as of Friday, May 8. Therefore, we are accelerating the submission timeline for qualified sectors so you have these recommendations for review in advance of that date.

The ultimate goal is to insure and maintain our health and safety – and to get our workforce back to work as quickly as feasible and as safely as possible.

Recommendations will link state, regional and local factors and protocols that lead to reopening. The recommendations will build on and contain the guidance already being developed by statewide and local industry and professional groups where relevant.

Questions for gathering business sector input include the following:

1. Is there available State of California guidance for this sector?
2. Is there available industry guidance for this sector (e.g. from trade, professional, or association groups)?
3. For reference, what are other Bay Area counties recommending for this sector?
4. What special circumstances might Napa County need to consider for this sector?
5. What ideas do you have for best practices upon approval to reopen?
6. What ideas do you have for best practices and protocols that that may be implemented to move a particular business or sector from a higher risk stage to a lower risk stage?
7. What barriers to reopening do you think you might experience (e.g. access to supplies like masks, gloves, signage)?
8. What will make you and your employees feel comfortable and safe after reopening?
9. What will make your patrons or clients feel comfortable and safe after reopening?
10. What answers or information do you need from your local Chambers of Commerce to support your business before and after reopening?

We are gathering this information from the following sectors:

- Restaurants
- Retail
- Personal Services and Personal Care
- Medical and Healthcare Services
- Professional and Financial Services
- Real Estate
- Entertainment/Arts Venues
- Construction
- Education (private and public)
- Human Resources
- Public Transportation
- Social Services and Nonprofits
- Commercial Development
- Warehouse and Fulfillment Centers

In addition, we will coordinate with Visit Napa Valley on Hotels/Lodging and Napa Valley Vintners on Winery Production and Tasting Rooms to inform and share relevant feedback only, not to duplicate the recommendations already in development by these groups.

We are also sharing the message with our members that while we recognize that resuming normal operations immediately is tempting, it is imperative that we each take individual responsibility for the broader effort and that we are unified and cohesive in our actions. The unfortunate consequences could mean extended or renewed closures. With a focus on public safety, trust and consumer confidence maintained, our business community will thoughtfully and methodically reopen in a way that will manage and reduce the risk of the spread of COVID 19.

Chambers of Commerce understand that our business community and workforce are feeling uneasy in these unprecedented times. We know that there are questions surrounding the timeline and processes for reopening sectors of our economy, especially when new information emerges almost daily. The critical and practical guidance provided by the business community and stakeholder groups will be key in developing and implementing a plan for the reopening of businesses and Napa County's eventual economic recovery.

Sincerely,

Valerie Zizak-Morais
President & CEO, American Canyon Chamber of Commerce

Travis Stanley
President & CEO, Napa Chamber of Commerce

Whitney Diver McEvoy
President & CEO, Yountville Chamber of Commerce

Amy Carraba-Salazar
President & CEO, St. Helena Chamber of Commerce

Bruce Kyse
Executive Director, Calistoga Chamber of Commerce