

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1  
MEETING DATE: JULY 18, 2022

**SOUTH SANTA CLARA VALLEY  
MEMORIAL DISTRICT**

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**AGENDA REPORT**

Date: July 18, 2022

To: South Santa Clara Valley Memorial District Board of Directors

From: Christine West, Executive Director

Subject: Review and Approve Gilroy Leadership's Flag Pole Project  
at Gilroy Veterans Memorial Building

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**RECOMMENDATION**

Review and Approve Gilroy Leadership's Flag Pole Project at Gilroy Veterans Memorial Building

**DISCUSSION**

Leadership Gilroy is a program of the Gilroy Leadership & Education Foundation, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization focused on inspiring and developing leaders in our local community. Since its first Leadership Gilroy class in 1998, more than 250 graduates have completed the intensive 10-month Community Leadership Program and have exited the program stronger, more skilled, and more connected to their community.

Class members perform a community service project to get a chance to put all the new skills they've learned to work and make a difference in the community. The 2022 Class has selected the Gilroy Veterans Hall, specifically the kitchen remodel, as their project for this year.

Because the kitchen remodel will not finish during their year in leadership, the group wants to do an additional smaller project to be able to leave their mark on the community. After explaining the challenge of lowering and/or changing flags and the upkeep of the pole itself, they selected the project of a new flag pole. They have contacted a local flag pole company for materials, the city about the permitting process and Connor Farotte of Premier Builders has offered to donate his time to assist with the construction. The new flag pole will be a metal pole with a cable accessible from the ground. They would also like to include a small plaque to identify it as a Gilroy Leadership project and major donors.

In addition, they are planning a dinner event on Oct. 1 at the Gilroy Vets Hall to showcase the need for a new kitchen. This will include a live auction, catered food with a guest list and storyboards about some of our veterans. The money raised from this event will cover the costs of the flagpole and the event. Anything remaining will be donated toward the kitchen remodel. Their goal is to raise \$100,000. The only cost to the District would possibly be the city permit, which is minimal.