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Law and Legislation Committee
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Pledge of Allegiance

SUMMARY

at the request of the Council, a study was made regarding reciting the Pledge of Allegiance at regular Council meetings. This report recommends saluting the United States flag at the first regular meeting of each month.

BACKGROUND

On April 4, 1989, the Sacramento City Council received a request that the Pledge of Allegiance be given at the beginning of Council meetings.

A survey was conducted to determine if other jurisdictions said the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. This survey included jurisdictions similar in size to Sacramento, local municipalities in the surrounding area, and other governmental agencies.

The results of the survey indicated that: (1) State and local legislative bodies recite the Pledge of Allegiance at regular meetings; and (2) Several municipalities recite the Pledge of Allegiance only at the first regular meeting of each month because of the volume of legislative matters to be considered.

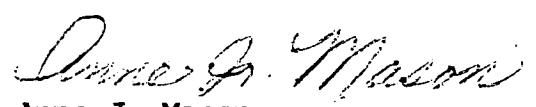
State law requires and councilmembers complete an Oath of Office prior to taking elective office. The Oath of Office clearly confirms (See Attachment 1) that the councilmember not only supports the Constitution of the United States and Constitution of the State of California, but that they could support and defend same against all enemies.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the survey results, it is recommended that the City Council recite the Pledge of Allegiance. However, due to the volume of legislative matters before the City Council and the length of the Council meetings, it is recommended that the City Council salute the flag at the regular meeting held on the first Tuesday of each month.

It is recommended that the Law and Legislation Committee approve this report and recommendation, and refer it to the full City Council for action.

Respectfully submitted,



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Oath of Office

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, }
CITY OF SACRAMENTO. } ss.

I, _____,
do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the
Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the
State of California against all enemies, foreign and domestic;
that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of
the United States and the Constitution of the State of California;
that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation
or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully dis-
charge the duties upon which I am about to enter.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
_____ day of _____, 19_____

City Clerk of the City of Sacramento,
State of California, County of Sacramento.