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CITY OF MERCED

REQUEST FOR DISPLAY OF COMMEMORATIVE FLAG FORM

NAME/ORGANIZATION: CalPride Valle Central
TODAY'S DATE: 12/16/24

REASON FOR REQUEST FOR COMMEMORATIVE FLAG: As a proud
Trans/Latinx led LGBTQIA+2s Resource Center in Merced
County, we deeply appreciate the diversity, resilience, and
unity that our city represents. Last year's Pride flag-raising
event was a beacon of hope, fostering a sense of community
and belonging for many residents, especially our queer youth.
It served as a powerful symbol of Inclusivity, a reminder
that Merced is a safe space where everyone is welcome
and appreciated and supported as they navigate their
personal journeys. This year, it is even more critical to
demonstrate our support. In the wake of recent elections
and the introduction of anti-queer and anti-trans
legislation across the country, many members of our
community, particularly younger folk, are experiencing
heightened anxiety and a decline in mental health.
The Pride flag represents more than just celebration;
it is commitment to inclusion, safety, and the values
that make Merced a vibrant and supportive community.

CITY FACILITY REQUESTED: _____

TIMEFRAME FOR DISPLAY OF FLAG: 6/3/25 - 6/30/25