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## **Councilmember Constant Raises Greek Flag in Celebration of Greek Independence Day**

**Event:** Greek Flag Raising Ceremony at City Hall

**When:** 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, March 25, 2009

**Where:** San José City Hall Plaza  
200 East Santa Clara St.  
San José, CA 95113

**San Jose, CA**—Councilmember Pete Constant will be joined by Ambassador Xenia Stefanidou, Consul General of Greece, Mayor Chuck Reed and prominent members of the Greek-American Community for a Greek flag-raising this Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. March 25<sup>th</sup> is Greek Independence Day and commemorates the unification of the Hellenic people and the end to an eleven-year war for freedom from the oppression of the Ottoman Empire in 1821. Mayor Reed will deliver a proclamation, proclaiming March 25<sup>th</sup> Greek Independence Day in the City of San José and recognizing the numerous contributions of the San José Greek Community.

Constant's father came to this country from Greece as many immigrants do, seeking the opportunity to build a better life. Constant's parents taught him to be proud of his Greek heritage, as well as the values of hard work and community service. He fulfilled their expectations when he decided to serve his community first as a police officer and later as an elected official.

"It is important to my wife and me that we raise our kids in the Greek culture which includes attending a Greek Orthodox Church and of course eating Greek food! Immigrants make up a large fabric of the community and celebrating their heritage is good for all of us. I am very pleased to be able to celebrate this important Greek holiday with my family and friends, colleagues and fellow Greeks."

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