



Proclamation
of the
Mayor of the City of Los Altos, California

Declaring the Week of October 17-24 to be Flood Preparedness Week

WHEREAS, California Flood Preparedness Week brings together state, federal and local agencies to inform residents about risks associated with flooding and tools that citizens can use to prepare for flooding; and

WHEREAS, several creeks pass through the City of Los Altos including Adobe, Hale, Permanente, and Stevens Creek; and

WHEREAS, Climate change and warming is causing more extreme weather events. In particular, with more evaporation, there is more water in the air, so storms can produce more intense rainfall events in some areas and exacerbate flooding; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Altos maintains an extensive storm drainage network, a sandbag station, Engineering, Planning and Maintenance Staff working to reduce flood risks; and

WHEREAS, in addition to storm drainage network, flood protection is provided to the City of Los Altos by the Valley Water District and its maintenance of the creeks that convey storm-generated runoff north to the San Francisco Bay; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Altos wishes to support building resilience and emergency preparedness in our community, including flood preparedness. While no one knows when or where disasters and emergencies may strike, each of us can work to be prepared for the unexpected. Taking steps to prepare ahead of time can help individuals and communities respond better and stay safer during crisis; and

WHEREAS, the time and effort invested now in assessing flood risk and in preparing will help Los Altos residents and communities navigate through and recover quickly from whatever may come. The time to act is now, before the rainy season sets in; and

WHEREAS, individuals can help to prepare themselves by registering their cell phones and home addresses to receive emergency alerts at the website www.AlertSCC.org, sign up for alerts by texting their zip codes to 888-777, and learn more about flood preparedness by going to <https://www.valleywater.org/floodready>.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Neysa Fligor, Mayor of the City of Los Altos, on behalf of the Los Altos City Council do hereby declare October 23 to 30, 2021 to be Flood Preparedness Week in the City of Los Altos. I call upon all community members to join together to understand their flood risk and take steps to be prepared.

Presented: October 12, 2021

Neysa Fligor, Mayor