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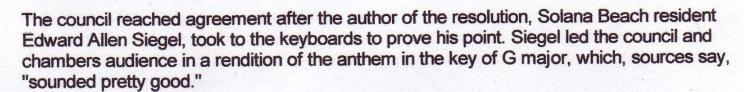


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Our View: So long B flat, hello to G major

By: North County Times - Editorial

For anyone who's attended a city council meeting and been bored, it's too bad you missed this one. By unanimous vote the Solana Beach City Council has approved a resolution to change the key of the "The Star Spangled Banner" from B flat to G major.



An elated Mayor Joe Kellijian explained, "I feel its time has come. We have endured either not singing it, changing key in the middle ... or singing off-key."

We agree.

The draft resolution, No. 2004, officially reads: "Be it resolved that whenever audiences are asked to sing our National Anthem, it be played and sung in the key of G major."

Tuesday night's meeting will at least go down in the history books of Solana Beach. It could also have national implications as Siegel, emboldened by Tuesday's vote, revives his 10-year pursuit for the U.S. Army, Air Force, Marines and Navy to similarly drop the old B flat for the new, improved G major.

It indeed strikes a chord with us.



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