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

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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.

The council reached agreement after the author of the resolution, Solana Beach resident Edward Allen Siegel, took to the keyboards to prove his point. Siegel led the council and chambers audience in a rendition of the anthem in the key of G major, which, sources say, "sounded pretty good."

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.