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City Implements Albany Waterfront Park Transition Plan “ACT”

Temporary Transition Shelter to Open Friday, November 22, 5:30 pm

November 21, 2013

The City of Albany is implementing the **Albany Waterfront Park Transition Plan “ACT”** as adopted by the City Council on October 22, 2013. “ACT” includes three major elements:

Assistance to Homeless including housing-centered outreach, transitional services, support, and shelter;

Cleanup and Maintenance of the Bulb; and

Transfer of the Bulb to McLaughlin Eastshore State Park

“ACT” in Progress

Assistance to Homeless:

- **Temporary Transition Shelter Opening:** The City has located a Temporary Transition Shelter at the Albany Waterfront. The shelter includes beds, showers and restroom facilities, a storage area for personal belongings, and dog kennels. The City has contracted with Operation Dignity, a local nonprofit, to manage the Temporary Transition Shelter.

The Temporary Transition Shelter is anticipated to open on Friday, November 22nd at 5:30 pm. Shelter hours are daily from 5:30 pm – 8:30 am. Those using the shelter will be required to agree and comply with shelter rules to ensure safety.

- **Outreach & Engagement:** The City extended the contract with Berkeley Food & Housing Project (BFHP) to provide ongoing outreach & engagement to homeless in Albany. BFHP will meet with people at the Temporary Transition Shelter to provide ongoing housing-centered outreach and support services.
- **Subsidized Housing:** BFHP is also identifying individuals interested in a housing subsidy program. The subsidy program is a collaborative and supportive approach to help connect people with housing. Under the subsidy, the City will cover a portion of the monthly rent, along with available grant funding, and a portion of the rent will be covered by the tenants.

Cleanup and Maintenance of the Bulb

- **Cleanup of Abandoned Camps** a number of abandoned camps have been cleaned. Materials removed include soiled materials, general debris, and biohazard materials including used needles and excrement.
- **Enforcement of Park Rules** the Police Department conducts ongoing patrols of the Waterfront Park. Additional signage has been posted denoting hours and rules for the public park – such as no fires, camping or storing of private property. Warnings have been issued regarding park rules. Warning notices include information regarding local support services including BFHP.

How can people help?

- **Albany Community Foundation** is currently accepting cash donations: mail your donation to ACF, 1164 Solano Ave #133 Albany CA 94706
- **City of Albany Annual Donation Drive - November 2 - December 20.** The City is collecting food, coats, and toys. Donation locations include Albany City Hall - 1000 San Pablo Avenue, Albany Community Center - 1249 Marin Avenue, and the Albany Senior Center - 846 Masonic Avenue (food only).

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