RESOLUTION NO. 09-40

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL OPPOSING URBAN CASINOS.

WHEREAS, Urban casinos create significant public safety and public health risks; and

WHEREAS, Urban casinos have negative and harmful social and economic impacts on our local communities; and

WHEREAS, Urban casinos would considerably worsen traffic congestion, impacting the quality of life for hundreds of thousands of local residents and crating major challenges for emergency services and public transportation; and

WHEREAS, Urban casinos pose a threat to the environmental quality of our region; and

WHEREAS, Urban casinos overwhelmingly negatively impact low-income and vulnerable individuals; and

WHEREAS, there is already one casino in the densely populated urban areas of western Contra Costa County, with two others seeking to operate casinos, all within 8 miles of each other; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albany has serious concerns about the detrimental effects of urban casinos.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Albany City Council hereby opposes the development or expansion of any further gaming casinos, as well as the establishment of reservations on which there could be gaming operations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk be instructed to send a copy of this Resolution to U.S. Senator Feinstein, U.S. Senator Boxer, Congresswoman Lee, Governor Schwarzenegger, State Senator Hancock and State Assemblywoman Skinner MARGE ATKINSON **MAYOR**