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RESOLUTION NO. 2010-4

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING SACRAMENTO COUNTY TO SUBMIT A COLLABORATIVE APPLICATION ON ITS BEHALF TO THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the City of Albany recognizes that it is in the interest of the regional, state, and national economy to stimulate the economy; create and retain jobs; reduce fossil fuel emissions; and reduce total energy usage and improve energy efficiency within our jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, State Energy Program (SEP) funds are available through the California Energy Commission’s SEP for grants to eligible local governments for energy efficiency, energy conservation, renewable energy, and other energy related projects and activities authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (“ARRA”); and

WHEREAS, SEP allows for cities, counties, or groups of cities and counties in California to apply for SEP funds on behalf of eligible local governments; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albany is eligible for SEP funding under the California Energy Commission’s SEP; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albany is proposing to collaborate with Sacramento County to implement a program for financing the energy efficiency, energy conservation, renewable energy, and other energy related projects and activities authorized by ARRA, which program is described in Exhibit A for the purpose of qualifying for SEP funds from the California Energy Commission; and

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2 **WHEREAS**, the City of Albany has considered the application of the California
3 Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to the approval of the program for financing energy
4 efficiency, energy conservation, renewable energy, and other energy related projects and
5 activities authorized by ARRA described in Exhibit A; and

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7 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that in compliance with the CEQA,
8 the Albany City Council finds that the approval of the program for financing energy
9 efficiency, energy conservation, renewable energy, and other energy related projects and
10 activities authorized by ARRA described in Exhibit A is not a “project” under CEQA,
11 because the program does not involve any commitment to a specific project which may
12 result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment, as contemplated by
13 Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 15378(b)(4).

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15 **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED**, that the Albany City Council authorizes Sacramento
16 County to submit a collaborative application on its behalf to the California Energy
17 Commission for up to \$16,500,000 in SEP funds for the program for financing energy
18 efficiency, energy conservation, renewable energy, and other energy related projects and
19 activities authorized by ARRA described in Exhibit A.

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21 **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED**, if recommended for funding by the California
22 Energy Commission, the City of Albany authorizes Sacramento County to accept a grant
23 award on its behalf and to enter into all necessary contracts and agreements, and
24 amendments thereto, on its behalf to implement and carry out the program for financing
25 the projects described in Exhibit A.

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MAYOR