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RESOLUTION NO. 2010-15_

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL ADOPTING THE CITY OF ALBANY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

WHEREAS, the 2007 Stanford University, Texas Tech University and Union of Concerned Scientists study finds that in order to avoid the most severe effects of climate change, the United States must cut its emissions by at least 80 percent below 2000 levels by 2050; and

WHEREAS, the State of California has enacted Assembly Bill (AB) 32, the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, which requires California to reduce statewide GHG emissions to 1990 levels by 2020 and directs the California Air Resources Board (ARB) to develop and implement regulations that reduce statewide GHG emissions, institute a schedule to meet an emissions cap, and develop enforcement tools to ensure that the State achieves the required GHG emissions reductions; and

WHEREAS, in December 2008 the California ARB approved the *Climate Change Scoping Plan* which contains the primary strategies California will implement to achieve the GHG reductions required in AB 32, and which encourages local governments to adopt a reduction goal for municipal operations emissions and establish similar goals for community emissions that parallel the State commitment to reduce GHGs; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order S-3-05 proclaims that California is vulnerable to the effects of climate change, including reduced snowpack in the Sierra Nevada, exacerbation of California's existing air quality problems, and sea level rise; and establishes targets for reducing GHG emissions to 2000 levels by 2010, to 1990 levels by 2020, and to 80% below 1990 levels by 2050; and

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2 **WHEREAS**, in June 2006 the City of Albany, along with 10 other local
3 governments in Alameda County, committed to becoming a member of ICLEI – Local
4 Governments for Sustainability and participating in the Alameda County Climate
5 Protection Project that was launched by ICLEI in partnership with StopWaste.Org and
6 the Alameda County Conference of Mayors, and embarked the City on an ongoing,
7 coordinated effort to reduce the emissions that cause global warming, improve air
8 quality, reduce waste, cut energy use and save money; and
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10 **WHEREAS**, the City of Albany, with assistance from ICLEI and StopWaste.Org,
11 completed a Baseline Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory Report that determined that
12 the City generated approximately 70,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent in
13 2004; and
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15 **WHEREAS**, in 2007 the Albany City Council adopted an aggressive goal to
16 reduce greenhouse gas emissions 25% below 2004 levels by the year 2020 as a result of
17 the Baseline Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory work; and
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19 **WHEREAS**, in partnership with the City of Piedmont, the City of Albany was
20 awarded in December 2007 a grant in the amount of \$55,000 from the Bay Area Air
21 Quality Management District (BAAQMD) for the purpose of employing a climate
22 consultant to develop a Climate Action Plan for each city to reduce greenhouse gas
23 emissions; and
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25 **WHEREAS**, the City, with the assistance of a climate consultant, has completed
26 an almost two-year community planning process, collecting and analyzing data, and
27 preparing a Climate Action Plan; and
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