

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

WHEREAS, in June 2006 the City of Albany, along with 10 other local governments in Alameda County, committed to becoming a member of ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability and participating in the Alameda County Climate Protection Project that was launched by ICLEI in partnership with StopWaste.Org and the Alameda County Conference of Mayors, and embarked the City on an ongoing, coordinated effort to reduce the emissions that cause global warming, improve air quality, reduce waste, cut energy use and save money; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albany, with assistance from ICLEI and StopWaste.Org, completed a Baseline Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory Report that determined that the City generated approximately 70,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent in 2004; and

WHEREAS, in 2007 the Albany City Council adopted an aggressive goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 25% below 2004 levels by the year 2020 as a result of the Baseline Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory work; and

WHEREAS, in partnership with the City of Piedmont, the City of Albany was awarded in December 2007 a grant in the amount of \$55,000 from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) for the purpose of employing a climate consultant to develop a Climate Action Plan for each city to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, the City, with the assistance of a climate consultant, has completed an almost two-year community planning process, collecting and analyzing data, and preparing a Climate Action Plan; and

1	WHEREAS, the public has participated in the Climate Action Plan development
2	process through a web-based survey, a survey mailed citywide, publicly noticed
3	Sustainability Committee and Planning and Zoning Commission meetings, community
4	events including Green Albany Day 2009, the annual 4 th of July event, and the City
5	Council Study Session on January 4 th 2010; and
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7	WHEREAS, on January 19, 2010 the City Council held a public hearing on the
8	draft Climate Action Plan and directed the Sustainability Committee in coordination with
9	the Planning and Zoning Commission to work with the climate consultant to finalize the
10	Climate Action Plan; and
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12	WHEREAS, the City's Sustainability Committee and Planning and Zoning
13	Commission have both recommended approval of the final Climate Action Plan to the
14	City Council; and
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16	WHEREAS, the City has completed state-mandated environmental review
17	procedures for the project and has prepared a separate resolution for a Mitigated Negative
18	Declaration;
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20	NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Albany City Council adopts
21	the City of Albany Climate Action Plan.
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23	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Albany City Council directs staff in the
24	Community Development Department to serve as the lead to implement measures and
25	monitor effectiveness of the Climate Action Plan.
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