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RESOLUTION NO. 2010-48

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSITION 23

WHEREAS, out-of-state oil companies are spending millions to pass Proposition 23, aimed at eliminating California clean energy and air pollution control standards; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 23 would "suspend" AB 32's air pollution and health regulations until California's economy improves, minimizing California's clean air standards by prohibiting them from being enforced unless the state's unemployment rate drops to a fixed level that has rarely ever been achieved; and

WHEREAS, the City has adopted a Climate Action Plan aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions and associated air pollutants that will exceed the recommendations within AB 32; and

WHEREAS, air pollution is a major threat to public health locally, with high rates of asthma and lung disease, especially among children; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 23 would negatively impact California's newly emerging clean energy businesses that have flourished because of California clean energy and clean air laws; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 23 would halt the dynamic growth seen in clean energy businesses, resulting in the loss of tens of thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in economic growth; and

1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Albany City Council hereby
2 formally opposes Proposition 23 - the “Dirty Energy Proposition” (Attorney General
3 Initiative # 09-0104).

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