

**CITY OF ALBANY  
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda Date: 10/18/2010

Reviewed by: BP

**SUBJECT:** Resolution #10-53, A Resolution of the Albany City Council Requesting that the Alameda County District Attorney Pursue Alternatives to Death Penalty Sentences in Alameda County.

**REPORT BY:** Judy Lieberman, Assistant City Manager

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**SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION**

Approve Resolution #10-53 calling for the District Attorney in Alameda County to pursue alternatives other than the death sentence and to invest resources in investigation and public safety programs.

**BACKGROUND**

At the September 15, 2010 meeting of the Social and Economic Justice Commission (SEJC), a representative from the Alameda County Coalition for Alternatives to the Death Penalty presented information on the Coalition's activities and requested the Commission's recommendation to Council regarding a resolution supporting alternatives to the death penalty sentence in Alameda County. The Commission moved as follows:

*Motion to ask the City Council to consider the Resolution as provided by Alameda County Coalition for Alternatives to the Death Penalty, and to recommend adopting the resolution. Motion passes 4-0.*

**DISCUSSION**

The information provided by the Coalition is attached, along with a background article distributed at the SEJC meeting. The resolution specifically requests that the District Attorney in Alameda County no longer pursue death penalty and direct those resources to investing in solving homicides, violence prevention, and effective public safety programs.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT**

N/A

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

None.

**Attachments:**

1. Resolution #2010-53
2. Information from Alameda County Coalition for Alternatives to the Death Penalty
3. Article: Capital Punishment in California, [www.wikipedia.org](http://www.wikipedia.org)