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3 **RESOLUTION NO. 2011-9**

4 **A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL EXPRESSING ITS**
5 **CONCERNS ON THE PROPOSAL TO ELIMINATE REDEVELOPMENT**
6 **AGENCIES**

7 **WHEREAS**, as part of its 2011-12 budget proposal, the Governor has proposed
8 permanently abolishing California's more than 400 local redevelopment agencies; and

9 **WHEREAS**, this proposal represents more of the same State budget raids of local
10 government funds that voters have repeatedly sought to end, most recently in November
11 2010 when voters of Alameda County and the State approved passage of Proposition 22
12 to stop State raids of local government funds, including redevelopment funds; and

13 **WHEREAS**, this proposal will significantly damage progress in local economic
14 development, which in Albany means the reduction or elimination of an estimated 100-
15 150 construction jobs and 100 permanent jobs; and

16 **WHEREAS**, on November 15, 2010, the Albany Community Reinvestment
17 (ACR) Agency Board of Directors approved a new five-year redevelopment
18 implementation plan to attract private investment and jobs, create a stronger tax base,
19 and to spur economic activity in other areas of the city and region that will benefit other
20 public agencies; and

21 **WHEREAS**, on January 17, 2011, the ACR Agency Board of Directors approved
22 a Public Improvement Grant and Cooperation Agreement with the City of Albany, by
23 which the Agency will pay for the acquisition and improvement of, and design,
24 construction and related activities to complete public improvement projects contained and
25 referenced in the Five-Year Implementation Plan in order to alleviate blighted conditions
26 in the Project Area; and

27 **WHEREAS**, the improvements in the Project Area on Cleveland Avenue total
28 approximately \$2.8 million and include Gateway and Way finding signage; Street
29 repaving and installation of sidewalks; Streetscape improvements; Creek and Storm Drain

1 improvements; Traffic Improvements at the Freeway off ramp; and a Bicycle and
2 Pedestrian Trail connection; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the improvements in the Project Area also include the acquisition,
4 development, and associated improvements of property on Pierce Street, with an
5 estimated cost of \$7.5 million, including: Acquisition of the 4.45 acre Pierce Street parcel
6 from the California Department of Transportation; Relocating the City's maintenance
7 center activities from leased space on Cleveland Avenue and constructing a new
8 maintenance center; Development of park space for an underserved population; and
9 Constructing a regional bicycle and pedestrian trail to connect the Bay Trail to BART;
10 and

11 **WHEREAS**, on January 17, 2011, the Albany City Council authorized execution
12 of a purchase agreement with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to
13 acquire the Pierce Street property as referenced in the Public Improvement Grant and
14 Cooperation Agreement, and pay the State of California \$1.9 million; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the City of Albany has been negotiating with Caltrans for more than
16 15 years to acquire the Pierce Street property and reached agreement on terms of the
17 purchase prior to January 1, 2011; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the acquisition of the Pierce Street property and relocation of the
19 City's maintenance center will allow for the assembly of properties in the Project Area on
20 Cleveland Avenue for private development, for which the City has targeted the "green
21 jobs" industry as part of its membership in the East Bay Green Corridor; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the private investment into and development of the ACR Agency
23 Project Area will generate income, sales, and other tax revenue for the State of California
24 through re-use and revitalization of underutilized urban infill properties located in an
25 existing transportation corridor; and

26 **WHEREAS**, any proposal to eliminate redevelopment including housing set-
27 aside for low and moderate income housing will significantly decrease the feasibility of
28 constructing affordable housing in Albany, which is a goal of the State of California as
29 expressed in its Regional Housing Needs Allocations; and

1 **WHEREAS**, shutting down redevelopment agencies is a violation of multiple
2 State and Federal constitutional provisions,

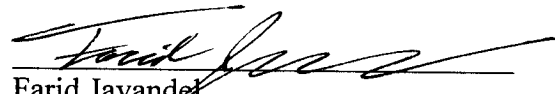
3 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Albany urges the
4 Governor and Legislature of the State of California to reject the elimination of
5 redevelopment agencies, and allow redevelopment agencies to, at the minimum:

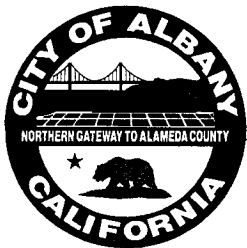
- 6 1) Retain existing fund balance and future tax increment revenue to existing
7 redevelopment agencies to fund those projects contained in a redevelopment
8 agency's five-year implementation plan, a Public Improvement Grant and
9 Cooperation Agreement, contract, or similar commitment;
- 10 2) Retain existing fund balance and future tax increment to existing
11 redevelopment agencies to fund the development of low and moderate income
12 housing.

13 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Albany's opposition to
14 wholesale elimination of redevelopment in California does not diminish its concern and
15 support for education and social service funding, and any funds taken for school-related
16 purposes from the ACR Agency should benefit the local school district.

17 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Albany supports the State of
18 California in pursuing and generating alternative sources of revenue, including placement
19 of a tax measure(s) on the June 2011 ballot.

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City of Albany authorizes its council
21 and city staff to communicate its position to the Governor, the Legislature, business
22 groups, and citizens.

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25 Farid Javandel
26 Mayor
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PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY,

this 7th day of March, 2011, by the following votes:

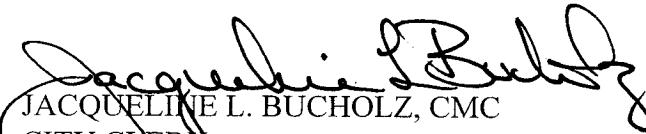
AYES: Council Members Atkinson, Lieber, Thomsen, Wile & Mayor Javandel

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, this 9th

day of March, 2011.


JACQUELINE L. BUCHOLZ, CMC
CITY CLERK

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and providing a safe, healthy environment now and in the future.*



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