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**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-42**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS WITH THE CITIES OF EL CERRITO, PIEDMONT, AND SAN PABLO TO JOINTLY SOLICIT PROPOSALS FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF MUNICIPAL SOLAR POWER**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Albany adopted a Climate Action Plan which includes a greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) reduction goal of 25% below 2004 levels by the year 2020;

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Climate Showcase Communities Program solicited grant proposals for replicable local government projects that can serve as living laboratories of innovation, education, and capacity building for climate protection and energy management; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Albany, in conjunction with the cities of El Cerrito, Piedmont and San Pablo, and Strategic Energy Innovations, was awarded a Climate Showcase Communities grant for their proposal entitled the Small Cities Climate Action Partnership, in which the cities would aggregate climate action planning and energy management resources to overcome the barriers that small communities face in implementing greenhouse gas reduction measures; and

**WHEREAS**, the Small Cities Climate Action Partnership jointly assessed the solar potential of their municipal facilities and determined that procurement of solar energy for each city could result in significant long-term economic and environmental benefits, including GHG emissions reductions; and

