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

WHEREAS, large volume purchases of solar energy through a multijurisdictional purchasing arrangement, where project sites are aggregated into groups on the basis of various risk and other financing related factors, will more likely result in lower pricing than would otherwise be available if individual jurisdictions independently purchased renewable energy; and

WHEREAS, the parties wish to take advantage of such potential discounts when purchases are made at large volumes; and

WHEREAS, the parties agree that the City of El Cerrito shall be the lead agency for issuing a joint solicitation to purchase solar energy; and

WHEREAS, the role of the City in the cooperative agreement is clearly outlined and does not put any extra financial burden on the City;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Albany City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to execute cooperative agreements with the cities of El Cerrito, Piedmont, and San Pablo to lead a joint solicitation for the purpose of obtaining solar energy for their mutual facilities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage and adoption.

HAYOR MAYOR



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PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY,

this 6th day of September, 2011, by the following votes:

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

NOES:

ABSENT:

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, this 7th

Day of September, 2011

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DEPUTY CITY CLERK