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**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-58**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL IN APPRECIATION OF  
ROBERT J. ZWEBEN, CITY ATTORNEY, FOR HIS MORE  
THAN 33 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF ALBANY**

**WHEREAS,** Robert Zweben was first elected City Attorney on April 10, 1978, and has been elected every four years since 1978 until his last re-election in November, 2010; and

**WHEREAS,** Robert Zweben has been the longest serving City Attorney in the history of Albany; and

**WHEREAS,** Robert Zweben has served 16 different city councils and 6 city managers with distinction; and

**WHEREAS,** Robert Zweben has continuously provided sound legal advice in ensuring compliance with the Albany City Charter, municipal code and City policies; and

**WHEREAS,** Robert Zweben has negotiated and drafted a multitude of legal agreements, including agreements to purchase the land for the present library and community center, and the Caltrans owned land on Pierce Street for the future site of a city maintenance facility, park area, and other city uses; and

1           **WHEREAS**, Robert Zweben has drafted ordinances, resolutions, Charter  
2 amendments, zoning revisions, leases, a transfer tax initiative, tobacco and alcohol  
3 regulations, including the regulation of smoking in public places, solicitation regulations,  
4 and legislation relating to campaign finance reform; and  
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6           **WHEREAS**, Robert Zweben was instrumental in the City's adoption of  
7 administrative procedures for the abatement of substandard buildings and the violation of  
8 city codes. Over the last 15 years, Robert Zweben has assisted staff in implementing  
9 these administrative procedures, thereby ensuring compliance with code provisions  
10 designed to preserve neighborhoods and protect the general welfare of the citizens in  
11 Albany; and  
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13           **WHEREAS**, Robert Zweben has professionally and effectively guided the City  
14 of Albany through litigation filed against the City, demonstrating a superior ability to  
15 assess, negotiate, and advocate for the best resolutions of disputes; and  
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17           **WHEREAS**, Robert Zweben's advice, guidance, and support to the professional  
18 development of the City's commissions, committees, appointed officers and staff has  
19 benefited those he has counseled and is much appreciated; and  
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21           **WHEREAS**, Robert Zweben has always provided a positive approach and has  
22 contributed to making the City of Albany an enjoyable place to work; and  
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24           **WHEREAS**, Robert Zweben has given his time and attention to assisting others,  
25 and is valued as a colleague and a friend; and  
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27           **WHEREAS**, Robert Zweben will be retiring from the City of Albany on  
28 December 31, 2011 and will be truly missed.  
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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Albany expresses its deep gratitude and appreciation to Robert J. Zweben for his more than 33 years of exemplary and dedicated service to the City of Albany, and wishes him the best in his future endeavors.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the City of Albany held this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 2011.

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FARID JAVANDEL, MAYOR