

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2012-34

2 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY
3 URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, AND ITS COLLEGE
4 OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO ESTABLISH SPACE ON THE GILL TRACT
5 WHERE ALBANY SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY CAN PARTICIPATE IN
6 GARDENING EDUCATION AND/OR FARMING
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8 WHEREAS, land in Albany known as the Gill Tract has been in continuous cultivation
9 for more than 120 years;

10 WHEREAS, the Gill Tract property is owned by the University of California; and
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12 WHEREAS, the College of Natural Resources of the University of California, Berkeley,
13 uses the Gill Tract for academic agricultural research; and

14 WHEREAS, there is growing interest locally and nationally to improve physical and
15 mental health by incorporating more fruits and vegetables into our diets; and

16 WHEREAS, there is increasing interest locally and nationally to encourage residents and
17 communities to grow food locally, so as to diminish the distance from garden or farm to
18 the consumer, and to reduce processing and packaging; and

19 WHEREAS, there is local interest in teaching children how to cultivate plants so as to
20 become adept at growing food as adults; and
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22 WHEREAS, the Food and Agriculture Objectives and Measures of the City of Albany's
23 Climate Action Plan outline strategies to help the City to reduce greenhouse gas
24 emissions and support the regional agricultural economy by strengthening the ties
25 between farmers and consumers and celebrating the region's agricultural diversity; and

26 WHEREAS, the College of Natural Resources has indicated an interest in metropolitan
27 agriculture research that could be compatible with interest in encouraging more locally
28 grown foods; and
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1 WHEREAS, there is interest among Albany residents to work with the College of Natural
2 Resources to establish an area on the Gill Tract for the community to participate in
3 gardening or farming,

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Albany
5 hereby urges the University of California, Berkeley, and its College of Natural Resources
6 to establish a space on the Gill Tract where the Albany schools and community can
7 participate in gardening education and/or farming.

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