

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-63

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING
THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH REAL
GOODS SOLAR (RGS) ENERGY INCORPORATED TO DESIGN AND
CONSTRUCT A SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM AT
ALBANY'S CHILDCARE CENTER**

WHEREAS, the Albany City Council 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 (ScCAP), 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 ScCAP 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 multi-jurisdictional 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 solicited contracting firms through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process; and

WHEREAS, the most competitive proposal was received by Real Goods Solar (RGS) Energy Incorporated, which would require a direct purchase and installation of solar equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Council directed Albany staff to pursue installation of a solar photovoltaic system at the Albany Childcare Center, as it is shown it will provide a significant return on the initial upfront investment; and

WHEREAS, the Council directed that this project be included in the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP); and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Albany City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to execute a contract agreement with RSG for the purpose of designing and constructing a solar photovoltaic system at the Albany Childcare Center, for an amount not to exceed \$125,000, and subject to the review of the City Attorney; and

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

Farid Javandel
MAYOR