

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-71

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN APPRECIATION OF ROBERT LIEBER FOR HIS SERVICE ON THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Robert Lieber was elected to the office of City Council in November 2004 and served a four-year term as Member of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Robert Lieber was re-elected to the office of City Council in November 2008, and served another four year term through 2012; and

WHEREAS, during his terms Robert Lieber has served the City as Council Member, and two years as Mayor; and

WHEREAS, Robert Lieber has dedicated numerous hours of volunteerism while serving as a City Council Member including attending regional and State meetings, ceremonies, and other events, and presiding as Mayor during the City's Centennial Year and first Dinner with Albany; and

WHEREAS, during his two terms on the City Council Robert Lieber has championed social and economic justice and health initiatives including a living wage ordinance, health care reform, pesticide and herbicide control, the rights of Indigenous Peoples, support for a United States Department of Peace and Non-Violence, and free democracy from corporate control - among other initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Robert Lieber was a statewide leader to stop aerial spraying to eradicate the Light Brown Apple Moth, placing Albany at the forefront of this environmental and health safety issue; and

WHEREAS, Robert Lieber's experience and expertise in the health field has benefitted the Council when considering issues of community health and welfare, including his introduction of Automatic Emergency Defibrillators; and

WHEREAS, Robert Lieber has actively worked to highlight the value and ensure preservation of the City's Waterfront area as a regional open space asset; and

WHEREAS, the City Council during Robert Lieber's tenure improved the health and environment of Albany by banning Styrofoam, restoring Codornices Creek, regulating smoking and tobacco sales, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, approving a Climate Action Plan and environmental purchasing policy, and adopting Integrated Pest Management, Photoelectric Smoke Detectors, Public Art, Green Building, Recycling, Water Conservation, and Bay Friendly Landscaping requirements; and

WHEREAS, with his Council colleagues Robert Lieber provided policy direction to retrofit and renovate the Civic Center; reconstruct Memorial, Ocean View and Terrace Parks; collaborate on development of the Tom Bates Regional Sports Complex; rezone San Pablo Avenue on University owned frontage to support senior housing and other development; improve street medians; acquire property to expand the Senior Center; televise City meetings, and enhance public engagement; and

WHEREAS, Robert Lieber worked with other members of the City Council to create a vision for the waterfront, balance the city budget in the face of a recession, and generate revenues for the Library, paramedics, streets and storm drains, sewer improvements, and general city services; and

WHEREAS, having served two consecutive terms, Robert Lieber was unable to run for a third consecutive term and is leaving the City Council,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Albany hereby extends its appreciation to Robert Lieber for his service as Council Member and Mayor of the City of Albany.

Peggy Thomsen Council Member

Joanne Wile (excused)
Council Member

Marge Atkinson

Jarandel

Vice Mayor

Farid Javandel

Mayor



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

The 10th day of December, 2012, by the following votes:

AYES: Council Member Thomsen, Vice Mayor Atkinson and Mayor Javandel

NOES: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAINED: none

RECUSED: Council Member Lieber

EXCUSED: Council Member Wile

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WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, this 11th

Day of December, 2012.

Eileen Harrington

DEPUTY CITY CLERK