RESOLUTION NO. 2014-95

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA FOR THE CITY OF ALBANY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE NORTH COUNTY INCLEMENT WEATHER RESPONSE PROGRAM BETWEEN NOVEMBER 15, 2014 – APRIL 15, 2015 AND ALLOCATE AND APPROPRIATE \$15,000.00 OF COUNCIL DISCRETIONARY FUNDS TO THE PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, historically, during the period from 1999 through 2012, the Cities of Oakland and Berkeley and the County of Alameda jointly funded the operation of a regional winter shelter at the Oakland Army Base providing compassionate refuge from inclement weather during winter months, with a minimum of social services on site due to budget constraints; and

WHEREAS, starting in Winter 2013, the Oakland Army Base site was no longer available and no suitable alternative for a large congregate shelter has been identified since that time; and

WHEREAS, an analysis of data from recent years showed that approximately 20% of the people served at the Winter Shelter took refuge there every year, indicating a need for a different intervention to assist that segment of the population out of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, for Winter 2013-2014, the three jurisdictions coordinated to fund an expansion of the number of shelter beds at several sites during the winter months, and added a small Rapid Re-Housing component to the program; and

WHEREAS, for Winter 2014-2015, a North County Inclement Weather Response Program has been developed and the most important element of the response system strategy is to improve client permanent housing outcomes – to effect real change in clients' lives and living situations, while also offering compassionate refuge from inclement weather during winter months; and

WHEREAS, the strategy has several components, including a limited number of additional winter shelter beds, as-needed warming centers located in both Berkeley and Oakland, outreach-based targeted interventions, Rapid Re-Housing programming, and housing assistance, and

WHEREAS, the North County Inclement Weather Response Program provides services to all people who are homeless in North County including Albany; and

WHEREAS, Albany's Case Manager will coordinate with other providers to ensure that people who are homeless in Albany have access to the services provided;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Albany City Council does hereby authorize the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Alameda for the City of Albany's participation in the North County Inclement Weather Response Program between November 15, 2014 – April 15, 2015 and allocate \$15,000 of Council Discretionary Funds to the program.

Joanne Wile, Mayor



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

the 20th day of October, 2014, by the following votes:

AYES: Council Members Atkinson, Barnes, Nason, Vice Mayor Maass, Mayor Wile

NOES: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAINED: none

RECUSED: none

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, this 21st

day of October, 2014.

Eileen Harrington

DEPUTY CITY CLERK

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