

1 **RESOLUTION 08-50**

2 **A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL REGARDING THE**
3 **APPOINTMENT OF ALBANY REPRESENTATIVES TO**
4 **THE BERKELEY MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION**

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7 **WHEREAS**, mental health is essential to everyone’s overall health, productivity and well-being; and

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9 **WHEREAS**, the Berkeley/Albany Mental Health District was formed in 1962, in order to provide community mental health services to residents of Berkeley and Albany in addition to services offered by Alameda County; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, the Berkeley/Albany Mental Health District is one of two city-based public mental health jurisdictions in California as defined in the California Welfare and Institutions Code; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, the provision of public mental health services for the City of Albany is thereby within the purview of the Berkeley/Albany Mental Health District, which is advised by the Berkeley Mental Health Commission; and

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16 **WHEREAS**, the Berkeley Mental Health Commission, created by the City of Berkeley in 1993 according to state statute, reviews and evaluates the mental health needs, resources and programs, for both the city of Berkeley and the City of Albany; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, of the seventeen appointed members of the Berkeley Mental Health Commission, the enabling legislation requires that two members shall be residents of the City of Albany; and

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21 **WHEREAS**, Pursuant to state law, one Albany member shall be selected from the general public interest category and one Albany member shall be selected from the special public interest category; and

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24 **WHEREAS**, Resolution 57,078 creating the Berkeley Mental Health Commission places responsibility for all Commission appointments, including the Albany members, with the Berkeley City Council; and

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26 **WHEREAS**, the City of Albany wishes to have the ability to make choices in representation of its interests on the Commission, in order to increase effective mental health services that promote mental health resilience and recovery in Albany;

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1 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of Albany does hereby
2 request the following with regard to the appointment procedure to the Berkeley Mental
3 Health Commission:

4 1) That the Secretary of the Commission will notify the Albany City Clerk in a timely
5 way of existing or anticipated vacancies of Albany seats on the Mental Health
6 Commission and the category of the vacancy; and

7 2) That the City Clerk's Office will simultaneously direct applications from Albany
8 residents to the Berkeley/Albany Mental Health Commission Secretary for consideration
9 by the Mental Health Commission and to the City of Albany City Clerk's Office for
10 consideration by the Albany City Council; and

11 3) That the Albany City Council review applications and select the recommended
12 applicants for appointment to the Commission; and

13 4) That the Albany City Council be responsible for transmitting its recommended
14 appointments to the City of Berkeley's City Clerk in a timely manner; and

15 5) That the Albany City Council recommended appointments have priority in
16 recommendations to the Berkeley City Council regarding appointments to the
17 Berkeley/Albany Mental Health Commission provided the recommendation is consistent
18 with Mental Health Commission requirements.

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