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2 **Ordinance #08-08**

3 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL REPEALING CHAPTER VII**
4 **CITY OF ALBANY CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM ACT OF 1996 OF THE ALBANY**
5 **MUNICIPAL CODE**

6 **WHEREAS**, the City Council has reviewed a report and recommendations of the Social
7 and Economic Justice Commission on the subject of the City of Albany Campaign Finance
8 Reform Act of 1996 (“Act”);

9 **WHEREAS**, after listening to public comment about adopting recommendation to revise
10 the Act, the City Council determined that it wished to repeal the Act prior to the election period
11 scheduled to commence in August, 2008;

12 **WHEREAS**, the Albany City Charter authorizes the passage of urgency matters with one
13 reading of an ordinance if passed by a 4/5 vote and the Council finds that it is a matter of
14 urgency to repeal the Act prior to the period for candidates to file nomination papers in August,
15 2008 to preserve the orderly conduct of election matters for the November, 2008 general
16 election;
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18 **WHEREAS**, Government Code §36937 authorizes the passage of election ordinances
19 upon one reading;

20 **WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that the repeal of the Act is an election related
21 ordinance;

22 **WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that it is in the best interests of the City of Albany to
23 repeal the Act prior to when nomination papers may be taken out in August, 2008 until such
24 future time as a replacement ordinance can be thoroughly studies and determined to be an
25 effective tool for controlling campaign spending;
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1 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:**

2 **Section 1: Publication**

3 The City of Albany Campaign Finance Reform Act of 1996, contained in Chapter VII
4 Sections 7-1.0 through 7-11.0 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

5 **Section 2: Publication**

6 This ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of
7 Albany, which said newspaper is designated for that purpose, or it shall be posted in three
8 locations.

9 **Section 3: Severability**

10 If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason
11 held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the
12 ordinance, and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase thereof, irrespective of the
13 fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clause or phrases be declared invalid.

14 **Section 4: Effective Date**

15 This ordinance shall become effective 10 days on or after its final passage and adoption.

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17 Date:

Mayor Robert S. Lieber