

1 **WHEREAS**, many hospital departments are often at capacity, and all of the local
2 emergency departments already have large delays in service, which will only be
3 exacerbated by the merging of the two full-service acute care hospitals with emergency
4 departments to one Oakland location, increasing wait and admission times; and
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6 **WHEREAS**, Albany and other East Bay cities are subject to the threat of severe
7 earthquakes, urban wild land fires, industrial chemical releases, mass traffic casualties
8 and other disasters both natural and manmade; and
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10 **WHEREAS**, when access to health care is made more difficult, patients often
11 delay healthcare but also stop seeking the care that is necessary; and
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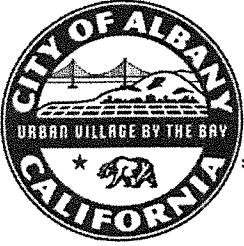
13 **WHEREAS**, paramedics and ambulances that are required to transport patients to
14 an acute care facility from Albany will spend more time at the proposed consolidated
15 emergency room in Oakland resulting in reduced first responders in Albany; and
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17 **WHEREAS**, access to health care should be accessible to all and the City of
18 Albany firmly believes in health equity.
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20 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of
21 Albany hereby opposes Sutter Health Corporation's plan to close its acute care and
22 emergency services at Alta Bates Summit Medical Center Berkeley Campus, calls upon
23 Sutter Health to cease all actions in furtherance of any and all plans to close Alta Bates
24 Summit Medical Center Berkeley Campus, and requests Sutter Health to begin the
25 planning and execution to bring the Alta Bates Campus up to the necessary standards to
26 comply with Senate Bill 1953 in order to provide an acute care hospital and emergency
27 services at Alta Bates.
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PETER MAASS, MAYOR



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RESOLUTION NO. 2016-77

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY,
the 3rd day of October, 2016, by the following votes:

AYES: Council Members Barnes, McQuaid, Nason, Pilch and Mayor Maass

NOES: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAINED: none

RECUSED: none

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, this
4th day of October, 2016.

Eileen Harrington
DEPUTY CITY CLERK