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#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2017-12**

## A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL APPROVING THE DESIGN OF THE BUS STOP PARKLET ON THE NORTHSIDE OF THE 1200 BLOCK OF SOLANO AVENUE

WHEREAS, in September of 2015, the City hosted a Pop-Up Parklet on Solano Avenue to demonstrate creative opportunities for use of public space, receiving an overwhelmingly positive response as well as requests for a permanent parklet to be installed; and

WHEREAS, "parklets" serve as a public amenity in many urban cities, and are typically created by transforming a parking lane or parking spaces in a commercial area into a public area for the community to utilize; and

WHEREAS, staff has coordinated with both AC Transit and the business owner of the two adjacent businesses, As You Wish frozen yogurt (1205 Solano Avenue), and Hal's Office (1207 Solano Avenue), on the parklet project concept and design; and

WHEREAS, both the City's Traffic & Safety Commission and the Parks & Recreation Commission have reviewed the proposed bus stop parklet design and recommend approval by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the location of the bus stop parklet (1201-1207 Solano Avenue) is an AC Transit bus stop and does not include any parking spaces; and

WHEREAS, the bus stop parklet creates a people-oriented space that encourages walking, biking and public transportation by providing amenities including public seating, a landscaped extension of the sidewalk, bicycle parking and a bus stop; and

WHEREAS, the bus stop parklet is a public space and will remain open during transit service hours, approximately 5:30 AM - 1:00 AM; and

WHEREAS, the adjacent business owners have agreed to be "hosts" of the parklet and will enter into a "Parklet Host Agreement" with the City, and as hosts, will be required to carry commercial liability insurance, keep the parklet clean, safe, and in a state of good repair for all members of the public to enjoy; and

WHEREAS, this project supports several of the City Council's Strategic Plan Goals including: "Promote Business Vitality and Advance Economic Development and the Arts", "Maximize and Improve Parks and Open Space" and "Foster a Healthy and Sustainable Urban Village".

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Albany City Council hereby approves the design of the bus stop parklet on the northside of the 1200 block Solano Avenue.

PEGGY MCOUAID MAYOR



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

the 20th day of March, 2017, by the following votes:

AYES: Council Members Barnes, Maass, Nason, Pilch

NOES: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAINED: none

RECUSED: Mayor McQuaid

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

21st day of March, 2017.

Eileen, Harrington

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DEPUTY CITY CLERK