



**CITY OF ALBANY  
SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE COMMISSION**

**2017 - 2019 Work Plan**

**Approved by the Social and Economic Justice Commission: DATE**

**Approved by the City Council:**

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Background

The following work plan identifies recent accomplishments, and priority work items for the upcoming work plan period. The work plan includes items identified as priority projects within the City Council's Strategic Plan. The Social and Economic Justice Commission shall review the work plan each year in January to identify accomplishments and ensure continued focus on completing work plan items. Work plans are presented to the Council every two years, and if a change is needed to the work plan outside of that schedule, the Social and Economic Justice Commission shall submit a "Request for Amendment to Advisory Body Work Plan" Form for review by the City Council.

Social and Economic Justice Commission Purpose

The charge of this Commission is to research, analyze, discuss and evaluate a broad range of data and opinions on social and environmental issues affecting the welfare of the residents of Albany as inhabitants of both a local and a global community, and make recommendations to the City Council on positions and/or actions to take to address these issues.

Recommendations to the City Council shall state the relevance, important and/or particular impact that the issue has on the welfare of the residents of Albany.

**Recent Initiatives and Accomplishments**

- Analyzed the "soda tax" and made a presentation to the City Council
- Provided a report on Minimum Wage to the City Council
- Researched the feasibility of a Rent Review Program and made a presentation to Council
- Presentation to the City Council for a one-year Community Resource Center Pilot Program
- Increase to monthly meetings resulted in great increase in productivity including moving projects forward that had been on the work plan such as the community resource center and rent review

**2017-2019 Policy Review and Initiatives**

- Review and evaluate Albany Project HOPE based on performance measures included in quarterly reports provided by BFHP and the annual presentation by BFHP staff/Project HOPE Case Manager.
- Review Rent Review program draft ordinance when it is brought to the Commission by Community Development staff
- Provide input on outreach efforts regarding information on low income/senior tax exemptions
- Implement and evaluate Resource Center Pilot Program
- Provide feedback on future draft policy to include evaluation of options for low income exemptions as part of future tax measures and franchise agreements for review by the Council
- Provide a recommendation to the Council on health and wellness programs to be developed with soda tax revenue where the matter will be discussed (Council meeting/Community workshop)
- Identify outreach strategies and programs to support inclusivity
- Review of progress towards Housing Element policies with Community Development Staff once per year
- Investigate service gaps for seniors to age in place