



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

2017 - 2019 Work Plan

Approved by the Social and Economic Justice Commission: April 4, 2017

Approved by the City Council: May 1, 2017

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

COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL 1 - Foster a Healthy and Sustainable Urban Village

Objective 1.2 Promote Housing Availability

B. Conduct housing outreach and referrals for people experiencing homelessness

- 1) 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.
- 2) Review of progress towards Housing Element policies with Community Development Staff once per year

C. Develop rent review ordinance

- 1) Review Rent Review program draft ordinance when requested by Community Development staff

Objective 1.5 Promote Health and Wellness

B. Create health and wellness programs in coordination with community input regarding use of Soda Tax revenues

- 1) 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)

COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL 2 - Engage Our Diverse Community

Objective 2.1 Connect With and Engage the Community

A. Conduct outreach and service referrals to low-income residents, seniors and people experiencing homelessness

- 1) Provide input on outreach efforts regarding information on low income/senior tax exemptions
- 2) Implement and evaluate Resource Center Pilot Program

Objective 2.2 Continue to Promote Communitywide Inclusivity

- 1) Identify outreach strategies and programs to support inclusivity such as ESL, antiracism programs
- 2) Identification and outreach to unserved and underserved communities
- 3) Investigate service gaps for seniors to age in place

COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL 5 - Facilitate Government Accountability

Objective 5.3 Identify Funding Mechanism to Ensure Stable and Effective Budget

- 1) 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