RESOLUTION NO. 2017-89

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF A HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF ALTA BATES HOSPITAL

WHEREAS, multiple jurisdictions along the I-80 corridor have been participating in the Alta Bates Regional Task Force and meeting monthly to discuss options related to the eminent closure of Alta Bates/Sutter Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, the closure of Alta Bates Medical Center is expected to have serious impacts on the health of the City of Albany and other East Bay residents; and

WHEREAS, the health impacts likely include delay of care for emergency medicine events, impacting patient health outcomes for cardiac and stroke, pulmonary, obstetrics, psychiatric, alcohol and drug poisoning, and trauma emergencies; and

WHEREAS, numerous other negative health impacts are likely including but not limited to issues with inpatient bed capacity, compromises to community access to primary and specialty care, reduction in services for special needs populations, and impacts on first responder operations; and

WHEREAS, a Health Impact Assessment (HIA) is an analysis and education tool for the community to learn about the health impacts and participate in actions affecting public health; and

WHEREAS, faculty has been identified at the U.C. Berkeley School of Public Health to conduct a Health Impact Assessment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley Community Health Commission has prepared a Scope of a Health Impact Assessment of the proposed closure of Alta Bates Medical Center which was reviewed and approved by the Alta Bates Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley has committed to contribute 50% toward the cost of the HIA and has asked other jurisdictions participating in the Alta Bates Regional Task Force to each contribute \$5,000 toward the cost of the HIA.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Albany City Council hereby supports conducting a Health Impact Assessment (HIA) regarding the proposed closure of the Alta Bates Medical Center, including the scope recommended by the City of Berkeley Community Health Commission and approved by the Alta Bates Regional Task Force.

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1	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Albany shall contribute \$5,000
2	toward the cost, funded by City Council discretionary funds.
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PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY,

The 4th day of December, 2017, by the following votes:

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

NOES: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAINED: none

RECUSED: none

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

5th day of Deember, 2017.

Eileen Harrington

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DEPUTY CITY CLERK