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#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2018-30**

# A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA DROUGHT, WATER, PARKS, CLIMATE, COASTAL PROTECTION, AND OUTDOOR ACCESS FOR ALL ACT OF 2018

WHEREAS, the Legislature adopted and the Governor signed SB 5, a \$4 Billion General Obligation Bond to be placed on the June 2018 ballot as Proposition 68 entitled the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018; and

WHEREAS, SB 5 represents the first legislatively authorized debt instrument for parks, resources and environmental improvements since 2002; and

WHEREAS, investments in California's urban, suburban and rural park and resources-related landscapes promote the notion of community and provide health, environmental and aesthetic benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Albany City Council demonstrates its belief in the value of parks through the Council Strategic Plan's section on Maximizing and Improving Parks and Open Space; and

**WHEREAS**, California Outdoor economy is a \$92 Billion economic driver, partly responsible for the continued health and growth of many of California's local economies; and

WHEREAS, SB 5 contains \$215 Million in Per Capita funding to assist all of California's communities in underwriting priority park-related improvements; and

WHEREAS, an additional \$40 Million shall be available in block grant awards for communities that self-tax for park related improvements; and

WHEREAS, SB 5 invests no less than \$1 Billion in California's most economically challenged communities, eradicating blight and promoting greater access to the outdoors and health-related pursuits; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 5 expends \$200 Million on California's State Park system, addressing a greater than \$1 Billion backlog in deferred maintenance which will translate into greater tourism and visitor opportunities in adjacent communities; and

WHEREAS, SB 5 invests \$30 Million in trail network improvements promoting non-motorized recreational and commuter opportunities throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, SB 5 recognizing the importance of California's rural spaces and invests \$25 Million through a competitive grant program to prop-up and enhance rural park infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 5 expends hundreds of millions on other important investments in resourcerelated infrastructure including California's rivers, coast, and other waterways, the state's mountainous settings such as the Sierra and wildlife and fish-dependent habitats; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 5 invests heavily in combatting global warming through investments in urban greening projects, promoting healthy forests and carbon farming applications; and

WHEREAS, SB 5 underwrites investments in improving local water systems, promoting access to safe drinking water in some of California's most economically challenged communities; and

WHEREAS, SB 5 commits to a robust investment in groundwater improvements and sustainability to diversify water sources and recharge groundwater tables; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 5 underwrites improvements in the state flood management systems, armoring against calamities that beset the state including Oroville and elsewhere.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Albany hereby supports Proposition 68, The California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Albany supports and can be listed as a member of the Californians for Clean Water and Safe Park Coalition.

PEGON MCQUAID, MAYOR



## City of Albany

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

The 5th day of March, 2018, by the following votes:

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

NOES:

ABSENT: none

ABSTAINED: none

RECUSED: none

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

6th day of March, 2018.

Eileen Harrington

DEPUTY CITY CLERK

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