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RESOLUTION # 08-61

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL OPPOSING
PROPOSITION 8, AN INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO
ELIMINATE THE RIGHT OF SAME-SEX COUPLES TO MARRY**

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2008, the California Supreme Court issued a landmark decision confirming the right of same-sex couples to equal access to civil marriage; and

WHEREAS, in issuing that decision, the California Supreme Court stated as follows:

These core substantive rights include, most fundamentally, the opportunity of an individual to establish – with the person with whom the individual has chosen to share his or her life – an officially recognized and protected family possessing mutual rights and responsibilities and entitled to the same respect and dignity accorded a union traditionally designated as marriage. As past cases establish, the substantive right of two adults who share a loving relationship to join together to establish an officially recognized family of their own – and, if the couple chooses, to raise children within that family – constitutes a vitally important attribute of the fundamental interest in liberty and personal autonomy that the California Constitution secures to all persons for the benefit of both the individual and society; and

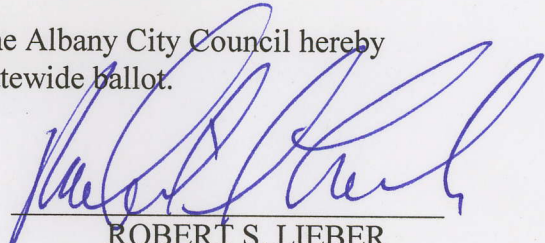
WHEREAS, equal protection under the law is a foundation of American society; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 8 separates one group of Californians from another and excludes them from enjoying the same rights as other loving couples; and

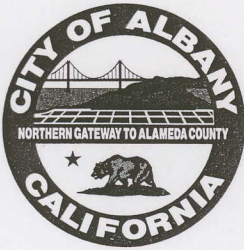
WHEREAS, in every day life and emergency situations, domestic partnership does not have the same guaranteed rights as marriage; and

WHEREAS, same-sex committed and loving couples that want to accept the responsibility that comes with marriage should be treated like everyone else who has that commitment and love,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Albany City Council hereby opposes Proposition 8 on the November 4, 2008 statewide ballot.



ROBERT S. LIEBER
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PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY,

this 15th day of September, 2008, by the following votes:

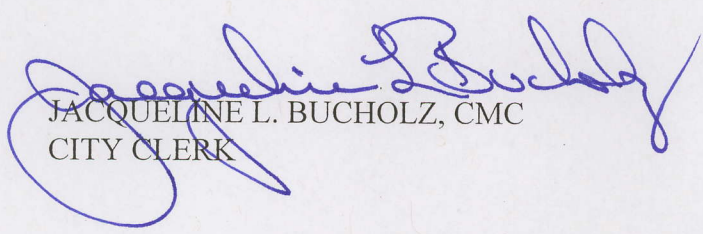
AYES: Council Members Atkinson, Wile & Mayor Lieber

NOES: None **ABSENTION:** Council Members Javandel & Okawachi

ABSENT: None

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, this 16th

day of September, 2008.


JACQUELINE L. BUCHOLZ, CMC
CITY CLERK

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