

City of Albany
Proclamation
IN HONOR OF NO HATE WEEK

WHEREAS, since January 2017, there has been an alarming increase in fringe ideologies using hatred as a means of intimidation; and

WHEREAS, numerous policy positions, from wanting to build a wall to most recently separating families at the border, combined with the actions and rhetoric of President Trump, have fueled the normalization of hateful and racist discourse; and

WHEREAS, attacks on immigrants, Muslims, people of color, women, the LGBTQI community, and our most vulnerable are now commonplace, resulting in an uptick in hate crimes and the open promotion of xenophobic ideas; and

WHEREAS, in response to the numerous events and to clearly state our shared values, Berkeley developed the Berkeley Stands United Against Hate campaign, which was adopted by Albany as well as several other cities in the Bay Area, and served as a uniting and hopeful beacon amidst a challenging time, declaring our commitment to inclusivity; and

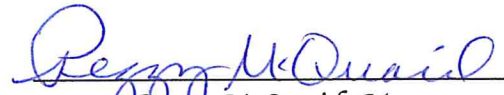
WHEREAS, to further respond to the divide currently facing our nation, cities across the Bay Area are organizing a “No Hate Week” that will take place November 11-17, 2018; and

WHEREAS, events will focus on breaking through positionality, communicating in conflict, and working together to achieve common goals promoting education, compassion, and cooperation, which are key to embracing differences between people; and

WHEREAS, this week was chosen to align with National Gratitude Month, which encourages people to take a positive, more appreciative outlook on life; and

WHEREAS, November 11, 2018 is also Veterans Day, marking the 100th anniversary of the Armistice of World War I.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Albany City Council declares November 11 – 17 as “No Hate Week in Albany” and will support and encourage appropriate educational and community events.


Peggy McQuaid, Mayor