

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-29

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR AND RECEIPT OF SB 2 PLANNING GRANTS PROGRAM FUNDS

WHEREAS, the State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development (Department) has issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) dated March 29, 2019 for its Planning Grants Program (PGP); and

WHEREAS, the City of Albany desires to submit a project application for the PGP program to accelerate the production of housing and will submit a 2019 PGP grant application as described in the Planning Grants Program NOFA and SB 2 Planning Grants Program Guidelines released by the Department for the PGP Program; and

WHEREAS, the Department is authorized to provide up to \$1.2 million under the SB 2 Planning Grants Program from the Building Homes and Jobs Trust Fun for assistance to Counties (as described in Health and Safety Code Section 50470 et seq. (Chapter 364, Statues of 2017 (SB2)) related to the PGP Program; and

WHEREAS, the Albany 2035 General Plan includes Policy LU-3.1: Mixed Use Development that support and encourage mixed use development combining residential uses above ground floor commercial uses along the San Pablo and Solano Avenue corridors; and

WHEREAS, the Albany 2035 General Plan contains Policy LU-3.2: San Pablo Avenue to continue to foster the transformation of San Pablo Avenue from an auto-oriented commercial strip to a pedestrian- and transit-oriented retail boulevard. San Pablo Avenue should be a source of community pride, with distinctive buildings, an attractive streetscape, and a diverse mix of uses; and

WHEREAS, Action LU-3.D: San Pablo Avenue Design Guidelines identifies updates the San Pablo Avenue Design Guidelines. In addition to providing direction on building scale, commercial facades, landscaping, and public improvements, the guidelines should consider the segmentation of the corridor into "districts" which are different in their function and character. If such districts are identified, zoning code amendments should be considered to reinforce the desired character; and

WHEREAS, Action LU-3.G: "PRC Zone" establishes considerations to change the "Planned Residential Commercial" (PRC) overlay district which further incentivize the inclusion of housing on underutilized commercial properties and implements Policy LU-3.1.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Albany City Council hereby resolves as follows:

SECTION 1. The City council of the City of Albany is hereby authorized and directed to apply for and submit to the State Department of Housing and Community Development the 2019 Planning Grants Program application released on March 29, 2019 in the amount of \$160,000.

SECTION 2. In connection with the PGP grant, the application is approved by the Department, the City of Albany is authorized to enter into, execute, and deliver a State of California Standard Agreement (Standard Agreement) for the amount of \$160,000, and any and all other documents required or deemed necessary or appropriate to evidence and secure the PGP grant, the City of Albany's obligations related thereto, and all amendments thereto (collectively the "PGP Grant Document").

SECTION 3. The City of Albany shall be subject to the terms and conditions as specified in the Standard Agreement, the SB 2 Planning grants Program Guidelines, and any applicable PGP guidelines published by the Department. Funds are to be used for allowable expenditures as specifically identified in the Standard Agreement. The

application in full is incorporated as part of the Standard Agreement. Any and all activities funded, information provided, and timelines represented in the application will be enforceable through the executed Standard Agreement. The City of Albany hereby agrees to use the funds for eligible uses in the manner presented in the application as approved by the Department and in accordance with the Planning grants NOFA, the Planning Grants Program Guidelines, and the 2019 Planning Grants Program Application.

SECTION 4. The City of Albany City Manager is authorized and directed to execute the City of Albany Planning Grants Program application, the PGP Grant Document, and any amendments thereto, on behalf of the City of Albany as required by the Department for receipt of the PGP grant.

ROCHELLE NASON, MAYOR



City of Albany

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

The 6th day of May, 2019, by the following votes:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: none

ABSTAINED: none

RECUSED: none

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

7th Day of May, 2019.

Eileen Harrington

DEPUTY CITY CLERK

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