

City of Albany

Proclamation

IN HONOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK MAY 5 – 11, 2019

WHEREAS, Public Service Recognition Week is celebrated the first full week in May nationwide, and is a time set aside to honor those who serve our nation as federal, state, county, and local government employees; and

WHEREAS, our community is served every day by City of Albany staff including the City's Administration Department, City Clerk Office, Community Development Department, Finance Department, Fire Department, Human Resources Department, Police Department, Public Works Department, and Recreation & Community Services Department; and

WHEREAS, the Administration Department processed a total of 1775 U.S. passport applications in 2018 and provided services for many more customers seeking passport application advice; and

WHEREAS, the Administration Department includes the City's KALB Channel 33 services, providing continuous stream and broadcasting of community media/meetings and the channel has had 17,967 YouTube views and provided 184,066 minutes of YouTube watch time in 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Administration Department's newer Neighborhood Services Division has coordinated and implemented 30 outreach engagements over the last 8 months to assist community members navigate City and community services and foster a resilient and engaged community; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the City Clerk is the oldest among public servants and 2019 marks the 50th anniversary of Municipal Clerks week; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Office of the City Clerk processed 8 Ordinances, 142 Resolutions, 36 Proclamations, 30+ submitted bids and proposals, over 100 public records requests, and more than 300 City Council Agenda items; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Office of the City Clerk coordinated with the County Registrar of Voters Office and successfully held the 2018 General Municipal Election for more than 11,000 Albany registered voters; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Community Development Department processed 91 planning applications, 292 encroachment permits, 996 building permits, over 2,500 inspections for building and public right-of-way, and 46 Commission and Committee meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Department's Transportation Division is actively involved in the planning and the design of five major transportation safety improvement projects including the San Pablo Avenue Complete Streets, Solano Avenue Complete Streets, 2 new signal projects on Masonic Avenue, and the Kains & Adams Bikeway; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Department's Sustainability Division leads our environmental stewardship programs and supported the development and launch of a Community Choice Aggregation program - East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) Brilliant 100 as the default option of 100% carbon-free electricity for Albany residents and businesses, hosted the Citywide Garage Sale with over 60 household sales, and assisted in initiating the process of developing of a new Climate Action & Adaptation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Department issued 3,308 checks to 730 vendors in fiscal year 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Department issued 2,693 business licenses in calendar year 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Department provides service to both citizens, businesses and all City departments; and

WHEREAS, the Albany Fire Department maintained an average median response time for all medical calls of 3.37 minutes; and

WHEREAS, over the last decade, Albany Fire Department has responded to over 30 requests for major wildfires throughout the state including the Northern California Fire Storm in October 2017, the Thomas Fire in December 2017, and the Camp Fire in November 2018 (often referred as the Paradise Fire), the deadliest and most destructive wildfire in California history; and

WHEREAS, the Albany Fire Department educated over 1000 school aged children in fire prevention and safety in 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Albany Fire Department continues the City's disaster preparedness efforts and works in coordination with other City Departments to further the City's abilities to respond in the event of a disaster; and

WHEREAS, the Human Resources Department strives to provide a safe, healthy and positive working environment for City of Albany employees; and

WHEREAS, the Human Resources Department provides services to former City of Albany employees, current City of Albany employees, potential new employees through the recruitment and selection process, and other agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Human Resources Department received more than 1,000 applications for employment and filled over 43 vacancies in 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department organizes the National Night Out event, which is an annual community-building event that promotes strong police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring place to live and work and in 2018, the Albany Police Department hosted the 13th National Night Out event in the City of Albany for 33 neighborhood blocks; and

WHEREAS, the Albany Police Department dispatch center handled over 28,000 incidents in 2018; and

WHEREAS, continuing our commitment to community outreach and engagement, the Albany Police Department handed out over 400 glow sticks to parents and children during “Operation Glow stick” on Halloween night in 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Albany Police Department was the first police department in the State of California to complete the new Commission on Police Officers Standards and Training LGBTQ training course; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department operates and maintains the City’s buildings, parks, open spaces, sidewalks, urban forest, roadways and infrastructure systems and in 2018, Albany maintenance staff completed more than 2,000 work orders and cleaned and inspected more than 25,000 linear feet of sewer line; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Public Works Department completed the first round of sidewalk repairs under the City’s Sidewalk Parcel Tax which included replacing more than 22,000 square feet of sidewalk at 121 locations throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department installed 7 water bottle filling stations at key locations throughout the City using Sugar Sweetened Beverage Tax funds; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department has either initiated or completed more than a dozen Capital Projects with a total value of more than \$10,000,000 in 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation & Community Services Department hosts an average of 45 events annually with a total attendance of over 12,000 people and partnered with over 80 local businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation & Community Services Department’s Senior Services at the Albany Senior Center has a monthly average of 2,250 visitors, delivers 400 meals on wheels, transports 280 seniors on shopping, day and hiking trips, and offers 45 classes/socials; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation & Community Services Department each year offers over 900 youth and adult classes for 4,700 participants, provides afterschool care for youth and teens for 800 students and runs adult sports leagues for 2,800 adults; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation & Community Services Department created the Albany P.A.L.S. (Peer Assistance, Leadership & Support) program to serve students with adaptive needs and their families and established a scholarship for low-income residents to help subsidize the cost of youth programs; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation & Community Services Department created the Play Like a Girl event to empower 400+ girls in Albany and surrounding communities to play sports in a fun, interactive and supportive environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Albany City Council does hereby proclaim the week of May 5 – 11, 2019 as Public Service Recognition Week in the City of Albany, and expresses gratitude to the City of Albany’s dedicated employees for their ongoing commitment to serve our City.

Dated: May 6, 2019


ROCHELLE NASON, MAYOR