RESOLUTION NO. 2020-71

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ALAMEDA COUNTY TO CONSOLIDATE A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020 WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DATE PURSUANT TO SECTION 10403 OF THE ELECTIONS CODE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF THREE CITY TAX MEASURES AT SAID ELECTION

WHEREAS, by adoption of Resolution No. 2020-69 on July 6, 2020, the City Council has called and given notice of a General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 in the City of Albany, County of Alameda, for the purpose of submitting to the voters two questions related to (i) the City's general Real Property Transfer Tax and (ii) the City's general Utility Users' Tax; and

WHEREAS, by adoption of Resolution No. 2020-70 on July 6, 2020, the City Council has also called and given notice of a General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 in the City of Albany, County of Alameda, for the purpose of submitting to the voters a question related to the City's Paramedic Advanced Life Support Fire Engines and Ambulance Special Tax; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that the General Municipal Election for all three tax measures be consolidated with the Statewide General Election to be held on the same date and that within the City, the precincts, polling places, vote centers and election officers of the two elections be the same, and that the Alameda County election department canvass the returns of the General Municipal Election and that the election be held in all respects as if there were only one election.

- 1 -

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY FIND, DETERMINE AND RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Request for Consolidation. Pursuant to the requirements of Section 10403 of the Elections Code, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Alameda is hereby requested to consent and agree to the consolidation of a General Municipal Election with the Statewide General Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, for the purpose of submitting to the voters the questions relating to (i) the City's general Real Property Transfer Tax, (ii) the City's general Utility Users' Tax, and (iii) the City's Paramedic Advanced Life Support Fire Engines and Ambulance Special Tax.

SECTION 2. Ballot Questions for Measures. The ballot questions for each measure are to appear on the ballot at the General Municipal Election as follows:

(A)   For the general Real Property Transfer Tax measure:

"To support City of Albany general services, with funding that cannot be taken by Sacramento, including: emergency response services, environmental programs, community services and local business programs, shall a measure increasing the City's real property transfer tax rate from $11.50 to $15.00 per $1,000 purchased, providing an additional $392,000 annually, until ended by voters, with all funds remaining local, be adopted?"	**YES**
	NO

(B)   For the general Utility Users' Tax measure:

"To support City of Albany general services including: disaster and emergency preparedness, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, emergency response and environmental sustainability, shall a measure increasing the City's utility users' tax from 7% to 9.5% for gas and electric service, and applying the tax to water service at 7.5%, providing an additional $675,000 annually until ended by voters, exempting self-generated energy, exempting low-income households, requiring independent audits, with all funds remaining local, be adopted?"	**YES**
	NO

(C) For the Paramedic Advanced Life Support Fire Engines and Ambulance Special

Tax measure:

"To maintain City of Albany paramedic, advanced life support, fire engine and ambulance service, with funding that cannot be taken by Sacramento; shall a measure increasing the annual current paramedic advanced life support fire engine and ambulance service special tax	**YES**
from $23.66 to $68 per assigned residential unit, providing an additional $359,600 annually until ended by voters, exempting very low-income residents, with annual independent audits, with all funds remaining local, be adopted?"	**NO**

SECTION 3. Canvass of Returns. The County election department is authorized to canvass the returns and perform all other proceedings incidental to and connected with the General Municipal Election. The Election shall be held in all respects as if there were only one election, and only one form of ballot shall be used. Pursuant to California Elections Code Sections 10403 and 10420, the election will be held and conducted in accordance with the provisions of law regulating the Statewide General Election.

SECTION 4. Necessary Steps. The Board of Supervisors is requested to issue instructions to the County election department to take any and all steps necessary for the holding of the consolidated election.
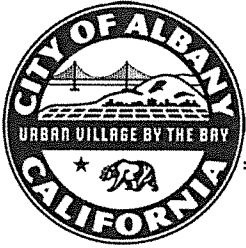
SECTION 5. Costs. The City of Albany recognizes that additional costs will be incurred by the County by reason of this consolidation and agrees to reimburse the County for any costs.

SECTION 6. Filing of Resolution. The City Clerk is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the Board of Supervisors and the election department of the County of Alameda.

SECTION 7. Certification. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original Resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED and **ADOPTED** this 6th day of July, 2020.

_____
Nick Pilch, Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-71

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF

ALBANY, The 6th day of July, 2020, by the following votes:

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

NOES: Council Member Nason

ABSENT: none

ABSTAINED: none

RECUSED: none

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

7th day of July, 2020.

Anne Hsu
CITY CLERK