

1 **RESOLUTION NO. 2020-96**

2 **A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF**  
3 **MEASURE W ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 BALLOT**  
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5 **WHEREAS**, the number of people experiencing homelessness in Alameda County has  
6 grown steadily in recent years, reaching over 8,000 in the 2019 Point in Time count; and  
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8 **WHEREAS**, over 15,000 unduplicated individuals rely on homeless safety net services in  
9 one year; and  
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11 **WHEREAS**, over 75% of those were unsheltered; and  
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13 **WHEREAS**, increasing rents over the past decade have contributed to homelessness; and  
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15 **WHEREAS**, for every person exiting homelessness in Alameda County, three become  
16 unhoused; and  
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18 **WHEREAS**, the current pandemic is predicted to greatly increase those numbers; and  
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20 **WHEREAS**, Black/African Americans and Native Americans are disproportionately  
21 experiencing homelessness; and  
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23 **WHEREAS**, 82% of those who are currently experiencing homelessness in Alameda  
24 County lived in the County before losing their home; and  
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26 **WHEREAS**, homelessness is affected by a variety of reason including 31% from  
27 economic factors and 22% from behavioral health; and  
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1           **WHEREAS**, systems modeling demonstrates that only with increased investment and  
2 increased coordination of resources can necessary interventions be provided to make  
3 homelessness rare and brief; and  
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5           **WHEREAS**, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors put Measure W on the November  
6 2020 ballot requesting a ½ cent general sales tax raising \$150 million per year for 10 years to:

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- 8           • provide housing assistance, mental health resources, and substance use treatment for our  
          most vulnerable residents
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- 10          • help people who are at risk of homelessness stay in their homes
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- 12          • increase hygiene and sanitation services
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- 14          • support homeless veterans, seniors and families with services
- 15          • increase employment opportunities through job training
- 16          • shelter people experiencing homelessness to reduce COVID-19 impacts.

17           **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Albany City Council endorses Measure  
18 W on the November 2020 General Election ballot.

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NICK PILCH, MAYOR

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PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
ALBANY, The 5th day of October, 2020, by the following votes:

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

NOES: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAINED: none

RECUSED: none

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, this  
6th day of October, 2020.

Anne Hsu  
CITY CLERK