

# *City of Albany*

## *Proclamation*

### **IN RECOGNITION OF THE DIVERSE HOUSING WORKING GROUP**

**WHEREAS**, the Diverse Housing Working Group (DHWG) is a community-based effort to engage and educate local organizations and individuals about the need for additional diverse housing resources in Albany; and

**WHEREAS**, DHWG recognizes that a strong community includes people from all walks of life and income levels; and

**WHEREAS**, DHWG members did early outreach in encampments; and

**WHEREAS**, DHWG members brought those experiencing homelessness to professional services such as housing specialists and medical care; and

**WHEREAS**, DHWG members distributed nourishing food to those experiencing homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, a DHWG member first expressed public support for Satellite Affordable Housing Associates on what is now the Cleveland Avenue affordable housing development; and

**WHEREAS**, DHWG began operating a pilot program of Community-Supported Showers at the Albany Aquatic Center by the fourth week in February, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, DHWG acts in Albany, and also regionally, participating in the Complete Count Committee for the Census, and the East Bay Housing Organizations' Affordable Housing Week for example; and

**WHEREAS**, DHWG has participated in the Solano Stroll given out Information Toolkits for Albany renters, homeowners and residents in need of stable housing; and

**WHEREAS**, DHWG aided the campaign for Measure N1, a Ballot Measure aimed at creating more sensible parking requirements that would enable more housing to be built; and

**WHEREAS**, DHWG is offering free laundry once a week at Harry's Solano Cleaning Center in partnership with the Albany Community Foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, DHWG successfully advocated for a drop-in center; and

**WHEREAS**, DHWG contributed to discussions on the City's Housing Element; and

**WHEREAS**, DHWG continues to provide information and resources to those who need it in the City of Albany; and

**WHEREAS**, DHWG continues to contribute to discussions on housing in the City of Albany.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Albany City Council does hereby recognize and honor the Diverse Housing Working Group for their efforts on behalf of those experiencing housing instability and homelessness in the City of Albany.

Dated: December 7, 2020

  
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NICK PILCH, MAYOR

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