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RESOLUTION NO. 2021-17

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL URGING
THE ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR AN
INCLUSIVE REDISTRICTING PROCESS FOR ALAMEDA COUNTY IN 2021**

WHEREAS, the boundaries of the five Alameda County Supervisorial Districts must be redrawn in 2021 determining how communities are represented on the Board, how communities affiliate to address issues of common interest, and which communities are divided or consolidated; and

WHEREAS, the final maps approved in 2021 will be in place for the next 10 years, and in the past, there have been few requirements that redistricting be fair, transparent, and engage marginalized communities; and

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors has sought to include local communities through civic engagement such as the successful Alameda County Counts census effort; and

WHEREAS, robust, safe, and inclusive community engagement to develop proposed district maps requires time and resources to ensure digital access, diverse schedules, translation services, meeting schedule notice, and other requirements identified by best practices and AB 849 (Bonta) and AB 1276 (Bonta); and

WHEREAS, two cities in Alameda County—Berkeley and Oakland—and several counties in California have established Independent Redistricting Commissions to ensure a fair and transparent redistricting process, including those in Los Angeles County, Santa Barbara County, San Diego County, and San Francisco County; and

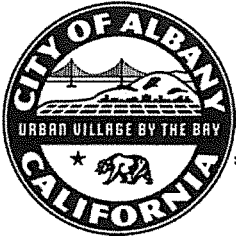
WHEREAS, the timeframe to draw these maps will be compressed due to national issues and the impact of the pandemic on local communities;

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2 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Albany City Council urges the
3 Alameda County Board of Supervisors to allocate adequate resources and direct the creation of
4 policies to ensure an equitable, inclusive and transparent redistricting process, including
5 establishing an Independent Redistricting Commission consistent with AB 849 and AB 1276 and
6 the best practice guide of the Asian Americans Advancing Justice–Asian Law Caucus.
7 Specifically, we expect that the 2021 Alameda County redistricting process shall be directed
8 towards the following goals:

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- 10 1. Protects and maintains communities of interest;
 - 11 2. Includes at least one public hearing regarding the proposed consultant who will develop
12 the proposed map(s);
 - 13 3. Includes at least one public hearing regarding the proposed outreach plan for the
14 redistricting process;
 - 15 4. Ensures that the consulting firm and the redistricting process as a whole offers accessible
16 online and in person opportunities to provide input regarding communities of interest,
17 impact of proposed lines, and other comments, questions, concerns, and ideas related to
18 the proposed maps;
 - 19 5. Includes accessibility approaches that remove physical, technological, language, and
20 other barriers to public participation including work schedules and family commitments;
 - 21 6. Leverages the trusted messengers and communities of interest infrastructure put in place
22 to ensure a complete census count, including engaging community volunteers;
 - 23 7. Includes meetings before and after the maps are created as well as at least two other
24 methods/opportunities for engagement accessible for each of the five districts;
 - 25 8. Leverages the Municipal Advisory Councils, Interfaith Networks, and other existing
26 network and neighborhood infrastructure to communicate the importance of and
27 opportunity to participate in the redistricting process;
 - 28 9. Provides adequate funding and personnel to accomplish these goals in partnership with
29 community volunteers; and
 10. Provides meeting notices at least two weeks in advance, including notices of Board of
Supervisors meetings whenever possible.



GE'NELL GARY, MAYOR



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

The 15th day of March, 2021, by the following votes:

AYES: Council Members Jordan, McQuaid, Nason, Tiedemann and Mayor Gary

NOES: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAINED: none

RECUSED: none

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, this 16th
day of March, 2021.

Anne Hsu
CITY CLERK

The City of Albany is dedicated to maintaining its small town ambiance, responding to the needs of a diverse community, and providing a safe, healthy and sustainable community.