

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL SUNSETTING THE SOCIAL & ECONOMIC JUSTICE COMMISSION AND ESTABLISHING THE RACIAL INCLUSIVITY & SOCIAL EQUITY COMMISSION AS ADVISORY TO THE CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the City Council has identified racial inclusivity and social equity as ongoing high priorities for the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council seeks to further facilitate dialogue and action towards racial inclusivity and social justice within our community; and

WHEREAS, establishing the Racial Inclusivity & Social Equity (RISE) Commission is intended to help create a space to provide further focus and discussion around racial inclusivity and social justice, seeking to continue partnerships and collaboration throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, on December 19, 2022, the City Council established a subcommittee of the City Council to provide recommendations regarding the City's Social & Economic Justice Commission (SEJC) and identify opportunities to modernize the charge and focus of the advisory body; and

WHEREAS, on February 21, 2023, the City Council supported the recommendation as provided by the City Council subcommittee to direct staff to prepare resolutions to sunset the Social & Economic Justice Commission (SEJC) and establish a Racial Inclusivity & Social Equity (RISE) Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Albany City Council hereby sunsets the SEJC, except as provided herein, and extends its gratitude to all members of the community that have served on the SEJC over the years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Albany City Council hereby establishes a Racial Inclusivity & Social Equity (RISE) Commission to advise the City Council on matters related to equity, diversity and inclusivity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the RISE Commission will be tasked with advising the City Council on the citywide priorities of equity, diversity, accountability and inclusivity to address the broad spectrum of intersectional issues across race and social equity within the City of Albany. The RISE Commission shall also seek to develop positive relations through the Commission's regular monthly meetings as a space to facilitate greater respect and understanding between people, offering opportunities for cultural exchange and education, and promote tolerance and mutual respect between all members of the community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, for purposes of meeting the requirements of the Sugar Sweetened Beverage Tax, the RISE Commission will serve as the SEJC in making recommendations to the City Council regarding the use of tax proceeds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission shall aim to meet on a monthly basis, and be comprised of seven (7) Members as follows:

- One (1) appointment made by each City Council Member,
- One (1) appointment made by the City Council as a whole to be filled by a high school student attending a high school within the City of Albany,
- One (1) appointment made by the City Council as a whole to be filled by either a high school student attending a high school within the City of Albany or an adult affiliated with students at the school level within the City of Albany.

Appointments shall be in accordance with Section 3.23 of the Albany City Charter, however the two Council as a whole seats need not be residents of the City of Albany; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission shall adhere to all established policy and procedures as adopted by the City Council, and act in accordance with Ralph M. Brown Act, Government Code Section 54950 et seq.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council shall retain the authority to modify the composition, appointment process, scope, and/or transition or sunset the Commission if deemed appropriate in the future.

AARON TIEDEMANN, MAYOR



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

The 20th day of March, 2023, by the following votes:

AYES: Council Members Hansen-Romero, Jordan, López, Miki and Mayor

Tiedemann

NOES: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAINED: none

RECUSED: none

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

21st day of March 2023.

Anne Hsu
CITY CLERK