

City of Albany

Proclamation

**CELEBRATING THE CITY OF ALBANY 115th ANNIVERSARY
OF INCORPORATION
September 22, 2023**

WHEREAS, the City of Albany was incorporated on September 22, 1908; and

WHEREAS, Albany today is a family-friendly and vibrant City that is economically and culturally diverse, with walkable neighborhoods and thriving businesses, outstanding schools, and an active community; and

WHEREAS, the City's first known residents, a tribe of Native Americans known as the Costanoans or Ohlone, lived in the area, including at the base of Albany Hill along Cerrito Creek; and

WHEREAS, the Albany City Council has adopted a land acknowledgement to recognize the City's first known residents that is read at the beginning of each public meeting as follows:

“The City of Albany recognizes that we occupy the land originally protected by the Confederated Villages of Lisjan. We acknowledge the genocide that took place on these lands and must make strides to repay the moral debt that is owed to this indigenous people, specifically the Ohlone Tribe. We thank them for their contributions which have transformed our community, and will continue to bring forth growth and unity. The City of Albany commits to sustaining ongoing relationships with the Tribe and together build a better future for all that now make this their home.”; and

WHEREAS, in 1908, area residents protested the dumping of Berkeley garbage in their community by incorporating and became the City of Ocean View; and

WHEREAS, in 1909, the name of the City was changed to Albany in honor of the birthplace of the City's first mayor, Mayor Frank Roberts; and

WHEREAS, in 1927 Albany voters adopted the City’s first Charter, giving full control over to its own governance; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albany is a Sanctuary City, committed to protecting the rights of all people in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Albany City Council has adopted a Mission Statement that reads:

“Albany is committed to providing a healthy, safe, and accessible city, and strives to lift every voice in our community.”; and

WHEREAS, Albany remains a unique and welcoming place that celebrates all members of the community and includes one-of-a-kind businesses, inviting parks and open spaces, and fosters a strong sense of community and civic pride; and

WHEREAS, September 18 – 24, 2023 marks the City’s annual Albany Local Week to support and celebrate the amazing businesses, parks, attractions, and uniqueness of our city for one entire week; and

WHEREAS, on September 20, 2023, the City will hold an evening Concert in the Park to celebrate Albany’s 115th Anniversary of Incorporation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Albany City Council acknowledges all residents, businesses, visitors, community members, and staff for their contributions to our City and encourages all to celebrate the City of Albany on its 115th Anniversary of Incorporation.

DATED: September 18, 2023

AARON TIEDEMANN, MAYOR