

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING THE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION AS ADVISORY TO THE CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, on February 21, 2023, the City Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 2023-09, adopting the 2023-2031 City of Albany Housing Element; and

WHEREAS, in a letter dated September 8, 2023, the California Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) certified the City's Housing Element for compliance with state housing law, thus completing the preparation of the 2023-2031 City of Albany Housing Element; and

WHEREAS, the adopted Housing Element includes the State-mandated "Housing Action Plan," which is comprised policies and action programs that correspond to six overarching goals: Equitable Access to housing, Housing Production, Special Needs Housing, Elimination of Housing Constraints, Fair Housing and Housing Security, and Housing Administration and Resources; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that the needs, rights, and obligations of Tenants and Rental Providers be considered on an equitable basis in order to ensure harmony between Tenants and Rental Providers; and

WHEREAS, the Action Plan contains 58 programs, many with several action items, that the City has committed to be implemented over the next eight years; and

WHEREAS, the City does not currently have an advisory body whose purpose it is to review and advise the City Council on housing policy, housing programs, and related issues; and

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WHEREAS, establishing a Housing Advisory Commission can help facilitate engagement with community members regarding housing policy, programs and related issues to better addresses community needs and values.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Albany City Council hereby establishes a Housing Advisory Commission to advise the City Council on policies and strategies for implementation of the Housing Element programs related to tenant protections, fair and equitable access to housing, housing programs, rent review, administration and resources that fall outside of the purview of the Land Development Volume Chapters 19-23 of the Albany Municipal Code; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Housing Advisory Commission shall aim to meet on a monthly basis, and be comprised of five (5) Members with appointments subject to the ratification of the City Council in accordance with Section 3.23 of the Albany City Charter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a subcommittee comprised of two members of the City Council shall convene to review applications received from members of the community seeking appointment to the Commission and make a recommendation to the City Council regarding the appointees to the Commission for ratification by the City Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the membership of the Housing Advisory Commission shall include one (1) tenant, one (1) affiliate of a local educational institution, and one (1) rental provider that may either be a resident of, or provide rental housing within, the City of Albany; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Housing Advisory 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 Housing Advisory Commission shall be an advisory body to the City Council and not an independent decision-making body with all its recommendations subject to approval of the City Council; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Housing Advisory Commission shall be coterminous with program implementation of the 2023-2031 Housing Element, with a sunset date of December 2028; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council shall retain the authority to modify the composition, appointment process, scope, and/or transition to sunset the Commission if deemed appropriate in the future.



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

The 4th day of March, 2024, by the following votes:

AYES: Council Members Hansen-Romero Jordan, López, Tiedemann and

Mayor Miki

NOES: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAINED: none

RECUSED: none

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

5th day of March, 2024.

Anne Hsu

CITY CLERK