1 **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-60** 2 A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF RICHMOND – SAN RAFAEL BRIDGE TRAIL ACCESS 3 4 5 WHEREAS, the City of Albany is proud to promote connections between 6 communities via the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge; and 7 8 WHEREAS, the Council recognizes that the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Trail is a 9 keystone section of the 500-mile regional San Francisco Bay Trail linking the East Bay and 10 North Bay; and 11 12 WHEREAS, Albany City Council by unanimous vote adopted Resolution No. 2024-13 28, declaring a climate emergency and calling for urgent action to secure a stable climate; and 14 15 WHEREAS, the Council recognizes that an increase in the number of vehicle miles 16 driven to and on the bridge increases pollution affecting communities; and 17 18 WHEREAS, the Council recognizes that active transportation allows people to be 19 physically active in everyday life by enabling them to walk, bike or roll to their destinations; 20 and 21 22 WHEREAS, bicyclists and pedestrians have enjoyed over 375,000 trips on the 23 Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Trail since it opened in November 2019; and 24 25 WHEREAS, the Bay Area Toll Authority Report data showed no increase in 26 westbound car congestion, a decrease in the number of motorist crashes, and no negative 27 impact on the Air Quality Index (AQI); AQI is primarily impacted by vehicle miles traveled,

road dust, tire wear, and brake wear, not by traffic congestion; and

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