

City of Albany

Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION OF ALBANY STROLLERS & ROLLERS DAY
September 29, 2024

WHEREAS, the City of Albany strives to curate safe and accessible pathways for pedestrians and cyclists as alternative transportation options; and

WHEREAS, in the year 2004, a dedicated group of community members came together to advocate for such safe pathways, forming the Albany Strollers & Rollers; and

WHEREAS, the Albany Strollers & Rollers have served as a model community organization under the fiscal sponsorship of Bike East Bay to enhance public awareness and safety for pedestrians, cyclists, and other users seeking clean mobility options; and

WHEREAS, Albany Strollers and Rollers have leveraged their resources and social capital to interface with the public to achieve significant gains to sustain Albany's sense of walkability and dedicated cycling lanes; and

WHEREAS, the presence of enhanced bike storage options are the direct result of advocacy efforts leveraged by Albany Strollers & Rollers in the spirit of community service; and

WHEREAS, a shared sense of responsibility against the climate crisis, has resulted in the Albany Strollers & Rollers to support alternative transportation options to major events in Albany, such as the Solano Stroll, via active engagement and hosting of a free bike parking valet; and

WHEREAS, the coupling of shared responsibility against a climate crisis and leveraging social capital has resulted in Albany Strollers & Rollers showcasing stellar advocacy for cycling organizations in nearby minoritized and socio-economically burdened communities to feel empowered to demand catalytic change; and

WHEREAS, the Albany Strollers and Rollers now embark upon their 20th anniversary of community advocacy, climate justice, and transportation equity; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albany and its community members have benefited in various ways over the last 20 years, due to the many volunteers hours of individuals within the Albany Strollers & Rollers membership collective; and

WHEREAS, the social landscape and perception of safe pedestrian access and cycling as a mode of transportation to work or school, among Albany residents, can be attributed to the invaluable time and efforts made by the Albany Strollers & Rollers to raise and sustain awareness on the impacts of reducing our carbon footprint; and

WHEREAS, such social landscapes and perceptions have enabled families, especially youth, in Albany to feel both safe and a sense of pride in enjoying our sidewalks and streets when commuting to school, work, or for leisure endeavors in our beautiful local parks and business districts.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Albany City Council does hereby proclaim September 29th as Albany Strollers & Rollers Day. We acknowledge the contributions of our local community members embedded within the organization, who seek to hold our region accountable for pedestrian and cycling transportation access and safety.

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JOHN MIKI, MAYOR

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