

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-76

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE SOLUTIONS FOR OUTREACH SERVICES FOR THE GAS LINE DECOMMISSIONING PILOT PROJECT

WHEREAS, Since 2020, the City of Albany has been developing an experimental pilot project with the goal of electrifying all buildings on one city block and decommissioning the corresponding section of the gas pipeline; and

WHEREAS, The pilot is part of a developing strategy of zonal electrification, which aims to electrify buildings strategically and efficiently in geographic zones, rather than relying only on the current approach of incentivizing electrification on a by-appliance basis; and

WHEREAS, City staff have worked with PG&E staff to select potential pilot sites in Albany. Staff has identified 12 locations where the PG&E gas pipeline network comes to an end, making it hydrologically feasible to cap the pipeline without disrupting the rest of the system, and in a location where the pipeline would otherwise need to be repaired or replaced in the near future; and

WHEREAS, In order to decommission gas infrastructure, 100% of customers in the designated service area need to sign on. Otherwise, the project is in violation of Public Utilities Code Section 451, which prohibits utility companies from denying any property owner of natural gas service unless they have expressly stated that they do not want the service; and

WHEREAS, on August 8th, 2023, City staff submitted an application for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant competitive program through the United States Department of Energy (DOE) to pursue the gas line decommissioning pilot; and



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

The 21st day of October, 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 22nd

day of October, 2024.

Anne Hsu

CITY CLERK