

1 **WHEREAS**, the City Council, discussed the potential acquisition of the
2 property at their meeting of March 2, 2009; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to said desires of the City Council, the Albany
6 Planning and Zoning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing, on March 10,
7 2009 and the Park and Recreation Commission held a duly noticed public hearing, on
8 March 12, 2009, to consider to make recommendations to the City Council; and
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10 **WHEREAS**, the Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously expressed
11 support for the expansion of the Senior Center. The Commission noted that the senior
12 center has historically been a good neighbor and the proposed project is a good way
13 to address a property in poor condition. The Commission also noted that creation of
14 usable outdoor space should be considered in the expansion plans, and that in order to
15 encourage walking and transit, expansion should not be designed around parking
16 considerations; and
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18 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to said desires of the City Council, the Albany Park
19 and Recreation Commission held a duly noticed public hearing, on March 12, 2009,
20 to consider to make recommendations to the City Council; and
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22 **WHEREAS**, at their March 12, 2009 meeting, the Park & Recreation
23 Commission on a 3-1 vote, approved a motion supporting the expansion of the Senior
24 Center, but expressed serious concerns about the financial implications and impacts
25 on other Park and Recreation Master Plan priorities.
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27 **WHEREAS**, the proposed acquisition and future expansion of the Senior
28 Center is determined to be Categorically Exempt from the requirements of the
29 California Environmental Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15303
30 “New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures” and CEQA Guidelines
31 Section 15332 “In-Fill Development Projects”; and
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33 **WHEREAS**, on March 20, 2009, the City Administrator entered into a
34 agreement to purchase the property for \$425,000, contingent on City Council
35 authorization; and
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37 **WHEREAS**, the City Administrator has determined there are sufficient funds
38 available to purchase the property for \$425,000; and
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40 **WHEREAS**, on April 6, 2009, The Albany City Council held a duly noticed
41 public hearing to authorize the acquisition of the property; and
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44 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY**
45 **RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**
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The City Administrator is authorized to execute agreements, documents, and incur expenses associated with purchase and acceptance of fee simple title to real property at 842 Masonic Avenue (Assessors Parcel Number 066-2804-015).

MARGE ATKINSON
MAYOR