



## **CITY OF ALBANY CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STAFF REPORT**

Agenda Date: July 21, 2025  
Reviewed by: NA

**SUBJECT:** Temporary Street Closure for Dinner with Albany

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### **SUMMARY**

This report requests approval for the temporary closure of Portland Avenue for the Dinner with Albany event on Saturday, October 4, 2025.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

That the Council adopt Resolution No. 2025-54, approving the closure of a two-block segment of Portland Avenue, between Pomona and Carmel Avenues (adjacent to Memorial Park), on Saturday, October 4, 2025, from 8:00 AM to 11:00 PM for the Dinner with Albany event.

### **BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

The use of public right-of-way is governed by Section 14-2 of the Albany Municipal Code. Under this section, an encroachment permit is required for any use of the public right-of-way and is subject to approval by the Community Development Director. In addition, California Vehicle Code section 21101 requires the City Council to approve by resolution the temporary closure of any street for celebrations, parades, local special events, and other purposes when closing is necessary for the safety and protection of persons who are to use that portion of the street during the temporary closing.

Dinner with Albany is a well-established community event that was held every other year from 2008 to 2018 on Solano Avenue. The event was postponed for several years due to the COVID pandemic but will be held again in October 2025 at a new location. Memorial Park and Portland Avenue will be transformed into an outdoor community dining space with more than 200 tables, live entertainment, and family-friendly activities. The event will run from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

To accommodate setup and breakdown, the street closure will include a two-block segment of Portland Avenue, between Pomona and Carmel Avenues (adjacent to Memorial Park) and be in effect from 8:00 AM to 11:00 PM. Residents in the impacted and surrounding areas will be notified at least one week in advance. "No Parking" signs will be posted a minimum of five days prior to the event. The Police and Fire Departments have been informed of the street closure to ensure proper access and emergency coordination.

## **SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS**

Dinner with Albany promotes sustainability by encouraging alternative transportation modes, including walking and biking to the event. Waste reduction strategies are also integrated into event operations.

## **CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES**

This community-building event supports the City Council's Strategic Plan Goal 4: Encourage Community Connectivity Through Diversity, Equity & Inclusivity

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Costs will be covered within the existing operating budget for community events.

## **Attachment**

1. Resolution No. 2025-54

