

City of Albany

Proclamation

**CELEBRATING THE CITY OF ALBANY 118th ANNIVERSARY OF INCORPORATION
September 22, 2026**

WHEREAS, the City of Albany was incorporated on September 22, 1908; and

WHEREAS, Albany today is a family-friendly and vibrant City that is economically and culturally diverse, with walkable neighborhoods and thriving businesses, outstanding schools, and an active community; and

WHEREAS, groups of Ohlone people are the first known people who lived in the area, including at the base of Albany Hill along Cerrito Creek; and

WHEREAS, in 1908, area residents protested the dumping of Berkeley garbage in their community by incorporating and becoming the City of Ocean View; and

WHEREAS, in 1909, the name of the City was changed to Albany in honor of the birthplace of the City's first mayor, Mayor Frank Roberts; and

WHEREAS, in 1927 Albany voters adopted the City's first Charter, giving full control over to its own governance; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albany is a Sanctuary City, committed to protecting the rights of all people in our community and creating a safe and welcoming city; one in which we celebrate our differences and learn from each other; one in which we are proud to raise our children; and

WHEREAS, the Albany City Council has adopted a Mission Statement that reads:
"Albany is dedicated to providing a healthy, safe, and accessible city, that serves our diverse community."

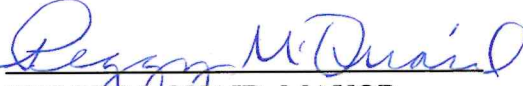
WHEREAS, Albany remains a unique and welcoming place that celebrates all members of the community and includes one-of-a-kind businesses, inviting parks and open spaces, and fosters a strong sense of community and civic pride; and

WHEREAS, the Albany City Council, along with 111 full-time and 42 part-time employees remain dedicated to public service and our community; and

WHEREAS, while the City Council recognizes Albany's incorporation date each year with a proclamation, this year offers a unique milestone as the anniversary coincides with the scheduled the City Council meeting, making it an opportunity to celebrate together.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Albany City Council acknowledges all residents, businesses, visitors, community members, and staff for their contributions to our City and encourages all to celebrate the City of Albany on its 118th Anniversary of Incorporation.

DATED: September 22, 2026


PEGGY McQUAID, MAYOR