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WHEREAS, Albany’s neighboring City of El Cerrito is concurrently working on their Hillside Natural Area Fire Resilience and Forest Conservation Management Plan (HNA Plan), also funded by the Conservancy, which addresses similar concerns and priorities as Albany’s with regards to phasing out compromised Blue Gum Eucalyptus, addressing fire safety concerns, and prioritizing community investment and sustainable practices; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in early 2025, both Cities were approached by the Coastal Conservancy,
2 who invited the Cities to partner on a demonstration project of the Cities' choosing and submit
3 an application to leverage available State Wildfire Resilience funding administered through
4 the Conservancy; and
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6 **WHEREAS**, Staff from both Cities are developing a shared project scope for
7 coordinated efforts in both Cities, in the hopes of demonstrating innovative practices for
8 wildland management, education, and local partnerships; and
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10 **WHEREAS**, the shared project scope with the City of El Cerrito may include but is
11 not limited to the following elements, contingent on available funding: (1) execution of forest
12 management projects in high-priority removal areas and for Albany, pilot tree planting in
13 Western Monarch overwintering zone(s), (2) engaging the public through events including (a)
14 partnering with Bay Area Redwood to host milling demonstrations and site tours in both Cities
15 for reclamation and reuse of removed Blue Gum Eucalyptus, and (b) hosting community
16 workdays in both Cities for native & invasive plant education, and (3) community partnership
17 and workforce development activities as per Coastal Conservancy Strategic Plan Goals, which
18 for Albany includes investing in certifications, tools, supplies for Urban Tilth, contributions to
19 Urban Tilth maintenance costs, and contributing funds to support the City's ongoing Habitat
20 Restoration Internship Program.
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22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that that the Albany City Council hereby
23 authorizes staff to submit a grant application to the State Coastal Conservancy for the Albany
24 Hill Eucalyptus Project (CIP No. 41015) and associated maintenance activities, and authorizes
25 the City Manager to execute a grant agreement for the project.
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28 ROBIN D. LÓPEZ, MAYOR
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RESOLUTION NO. 2025-25

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

The 5th day of May, 2025, by the following votes:

AYES: Council Members Hansen-Romero, Jordan, McQuaid, Miki and

Mayor López

NOES: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAINED: none

RECUSED: none

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, this 6th
day of May, 2025.

Anne Hsu
CITY CLERK

*Albany is committed to providing a healthy, safe, and accessible city,
and strives to lift every voice in our community.*