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WHEREAS, the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) established the Priority Conservation Area (PCA) Program in 2007 to create a regionally consistent approach to designate key geographic areas eligible for acquisition and improvements to support the Bay Area’s regional conservation, resilience, and sustainability objectives; and

WHEREAS, the PCA planning framework includes locally nominated PCAs as locations to coordinate local and regional planning for the conservation of regionally significant areas which are adopted by the ABAG; and

WHEREAS, the PCA designation provides opportunities for grant funding to support conservation, restoration, climate adaptation, and recreational projects, helping to achieve both local and regional conservation and resilience goals and priorities; and

WHEREAS, the Albany Bay Trail/Waterfront – Recreation Only PCA contains urban parkland, waterfront recreational opportunities, and wildlife habitat that contribute to the ecological, recreational, and climate resilience needs of the City of Albany and the greater Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, the Albany Bay Trail/Waterfront – Recreation and Climate Resilience PCA contains urban parkland, waterfront recreational opportunities, and wildlife habitat that

1 are vulnerable to sea level rise and that contributes to the ecological, recreational, and climate
2 resilience needs of the City of Albany and the greater Bay Area; and
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4 **WHEREAS**, the Priority Tree Canopy Area: Street Tree Management Plan PCA
5 contains urban lands, bike paths and pedestrian routes with proportionately less tree cover that
6 contribute to the ecological, recreational, and climate resilience needs of the City of Albany
7 and the greater Bay Area; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, the City of Albany could commence and would welcome partnering with
10 agencies and organizations including the East Bay Regional Park District, the San Francisco
11 Estuary Institute, and other community partners to design and implement maintenance and
12 expansion of Albany Bulb trails and the Bay Trail increasing accessibility to recreational
13 opportunities for all users within the Albany Bay Trail/Waterfront – Recreation Only PCA;
14 and
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16 **WHEREAS**, the City of Albany could commence and would welcome partnering with
17 agencies and organizations including the East Bay Regional Park District, the San Francisco
18 Estuary Partnership, and other community partners to design and implement accessible
19 recreational projects as listed above as well as focus on shoreline resilience projects to buffer
20 and protect the shoreline areas from the impacts of climate change within the Albany Bay
21 Trail/Waterfront – Recreation and Climate Resilience PCA; and
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23 **WHEREAS**, the City of Albany could commence and would welcome partnering with
24 local community partners to assist in tree planting projects to address climate change, improve
25 air quality, reduce the urban heat island effect, and ensure equity of program benefits within
26 the Priority Tree Canopy Area: Street Tree Management Plan PCA; and
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28 **WHEREAS**, the designation of the Albany Bay Trail/Waterfront – Recreation Only
29 PCA, the Albany Bay Trail/Waterfront – Recreation and Climate Resilience PCA, and the

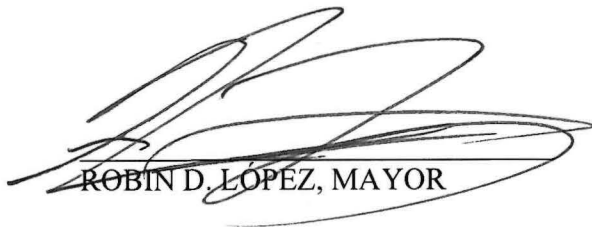
1 Priority Tree Canopy Area: Street Tree Management Plan PCA as a Priority Conservation
2 Areas does not alter existing land use designations, zoning, or the local jurisdiction's land use
3 authority; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, the City of Albany recognizes the importance of nominating the PCAs to
6 ensure eligibility for future funding and support for projects that enhance the area; and
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8 **WHEREAS**, the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Commission held a
9 public meeting on May 8, 2025, to consider the proposed nominations and voted unanimously
10 to recommend City Council formally nominate the PCAs; and
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12 **WHEREAS**, on June 2, 2025, at a duly noticed meeting, the City Council held a public
13 hearing to consider the PCA nominations.
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15 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Albany City Council hereby
16 endorses the nomination of the Albany Bay Trail/Waterfront – Recreation Only PCA, the
17 Albany Bay Trail/Waterfront – Recreation and Climate Resilience PCA, and the Priority Tree
18 Canopy Area: Street Tree Management Plan PCA as a Priority Conservation Areas to be
19 adopted by the Association of Bay Area Governments, recognizing their regional and local
20 significance and authorizes staff to complete and submit the required PCA nomination form
21 and any supporting materials to ABAG.
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26 ROBIN D. LÓPEZ, MAYOR
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RESOLUTION NO. 2025-32

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

The 2nd day of June 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 3rd
day of June, 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.*