

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Paris Agreement is a legally binding international treaty on climate change adopted by 196 Parties at the UN Climate Change Conference (COP21) in Paris, France, on December 12, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Paris Agreement is a landmark in the multilateral climate change process as, for the first time, a binding agreement brings all nations together to combat climate change and adapt to its effects; and

WHEREAS, consensus exists among the world's leading climate scientists that global warming caused by emissions of greenhouse gases from human activities is among the most significant problems facing the world today; and

WHEREAS, documented impacts of global warming include, but are not limited to, increased occurrences of extreme weather events (e.g. droughts and floods) and adverse effects on ecosystems, demographic patterns, and economic value chains; and

WHEREAS, the impacts of climate change will often be most severely felt by poor and socially excluded groups, such as ethnic minorities, women, older people, and children, whose capacity to adapt to both rapid- and slow-onset climate change is more limited; and

WHEREAS, the earth's average temperature continues to rise, with 2024 being the hottest on record according to NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) scientists; and

WHEREAS, there has been an alarming escalation in the frequency and intensity of wildfires raging across the world, as well as devasting hurricanes causing unprecedented destruction along the eastern coast of the United States; and

WHEREAS, sea level rise impacts our coastal and bay communities around the world; and

WHEREAS, the Paris Agreement resulted in a commitment from almost every nation to take action and enact programs to limit global temperature increase to less than 2 degrees Celsius, with an expectation that this goal would be reduced to 1.5 degrees in the future; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albany recently adopted a Climate Emergency Declaration, resolving that the Albany City Council endorses and commits to participating in climate action and adaptation efforts at the local, regional, state, national, and global levels, focusing on emission reduction and the widespread elimination of fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albany has pledged to advance climate action and adaptation through its City Council Strategic Plan and its Climate Action and Adaptation Plan, committing to 70% emission reductions by 2035 and net zero emissions by 2045.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Albany City Council commits to reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions through implementation of our Climate Adaption and Action Plan and declared Climate Emergency Resolution No. 2024-28; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Albany City Council condemns the recent action of President Trump to begin the withdrawal process from the Paris Agreement and urges our federal legislative partners to pressure the current administration to uphold the Paris Agreement and its principles.

ROBIN D. LOPEZ, MAYOR



City of Albany

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

The 3rd day of February, 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 4th

day of February, 2025.

Anne Hsu

CITY CLERK