

1 **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-10**

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3 **A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL APPROVING**  
4 **THE ALBANY HILL FOREST MANAGEMENT & HABITAT RESTORATION**  
5 **PLAN AND AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE USDA FOREST**  
6 **SERVICE COMMUNITY WILDFIRE DEFENSE GRANT PROGRAM**

7 **WHEREAS**, the City of Albany strives to maintain vegetation on Albany Hill for fire  
8 safety and ecosystem health, preserve and enhance native plant communities, and consider  
9 potential impacts to Monarch Butterflies; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the City has been working with consultants and other agencies to study  
11 Monarch Butterfly habitat, fire fuel loads, and the decline of Blue Gum Eucalyptus on Albany  
12 Hill; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, on October 18, 2021, City Council approved Resolution No. 2021-105,  
15 authorizing the creation of the Albany Hill Eucalyptus Project (CIP No. 41015) and  
16 appropriated funds in the amount of \$100,000 to the project for a higher level tree assessment  
17 and initial funding for plan development and CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act);  
18 and

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20 **WHEREAS**, the City Council approved Resolution No. 2022-41, authorizing staff to  
21 submit an application to the Coastal Conservancy for a Wildfire Resilience Grant in the amount  
22 of \$230,000 for The Albany Hill Eucalyptus Project (CIP No. 41015) and associated activities,  
23 including \$140,000 for development of the Albany Hill Forest Management and Habitat  
24 Restoration Plan; and

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26 **WHEREAS**, on September 22, 2022 the Coastal Conservancy awarded the City the  
27 grant in full; and  
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1           **WHEREAS**, on June 20, 2023 Council awarded Contract No. C23-40 to Restoration  
2 Design Group (RDG)/Nomad Ecology after staff selected their proposal for development of  
3 the Albany Hill Forest Management and Habitat Restoration Plan; and  
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5           **WHEREAS**, on March 3, 2025 consultants and staff presented a final Albany Hill  
6 Forest Management and Habitat Restoration Plan to Council; and  
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8           **WHEREAS**, City Council has weighed the merits of the Plan and considered  
9 comments from advisory body commissioners and the public on the Plan; and  
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11           **WHEREAS**, the USDA (U.S. Department of Agriculture) Forest Service Community  
12 Wildfire Defense Grants (CWDG) Program is a \$1 billion five-year competitive grant program  
13 funded by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act helping communities plan for and reduce  
14 wildfire risk; and  
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16           **WHEREAS**, the City has prepared the first project of three recommended in the Plan  
17 for submission to CWDG for construction, along with continued funding for increased habitat  
18 restoration and workforce development.  
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20           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that City Council hereby approve the  
21 Albany Hill Forest Management & Habitat Restoration Plan; and  
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23           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Council hereby authorize staff to  
24 submit an application for grant funding to the USDA Forest Service Community Wildfire  
25 Defense Grants Program, and authorize the City Manager to enter into a grant agreement and  
26 expend grant funds should a grant be awarded.  
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ROBIN D. LÓPEZ, MAYOR



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

The 3rd day of March, 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 March, 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.*