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Whereas, neither the Gilman or Buchanan Street sites enjoy strong public support; and

Whereas, a ferry at the Buchanan Street site would be inconsistent with the wishes of many Albany residents and would not enjoy support of large numbers of Albany residents who expressed their opposition to development on the shoreline of Albany and expressed their desire to keep the shoreline open as evidenced by the 25% of Albany voters who signed the Albany Shoreline Protection Initiative; and

Whereas, both the Gilman Street and Buchanan Street sites are not reasonable alternatives because the land for the ferry terminal and parking lots would need to be purchased from a private landowner by eminent domain because there is no willing seller, while the University Avenue sites are publicly owned and would be available for use with an agreement from the city of Berkeley, which has expressed clear support for a ferry terminal at one or the other of the University Avenue sites;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the City Council of the City of Albany opposes the WTA studying the Gilman Street and Buchanan Street sites, Sites D and E in the WTA's report, and urges the WTA to drop those two sites from its study.

Robert S. Lieber, Mayor