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Mayor's Statement Commitment to Community

For many of our community members, these current socio-political times are understandably moments of turmoil, frustration, confusion, and hurt. I advocate to call upon our collective strengths in Albany, California as a community of folks that know our values are rooted in inclusivity, equity, justice, and human compassion. Though our society has been confronted with a litany of executive orders, that rightfully have induced questions and concerns - as your Mayor, I want to reaffirm our unequivocal commitment to community. I stand firm in my promise to ensure our most vulnerable community members are not simply recognized, but also entirely protected.

We are not perfect, and Albany is not excluded by any means for any past transgressions regarding acceptance of different cultures, experiences, and world views. However, our residents are engaged, and we do not sit in the periphery seeking to catalyze change. Neither shall we sit in the periphery of standing up for such changes we have historically advocated for in this community. We made commitments as a sanctuary city. We made commitments to be inclusive of those who seek refuge. We made commitments to afford visibility to our LGBTQIA+ community members. We made commitments to the future of our youth. We made commitments for climate resiliency amid a climate emergency. We've made commitments to the legacy of change agents in our city. We made commitments to respect the legacy and sovereignty of the original land stewards. I will fight in the spirit of my ancestors - even if I must do it alone - to protect any undocumented community members, sustain pride for our LGBTQIA+ community members, push forth for climate adaptations, and honor the many legacies of those who champion for a better society. Albany and friends of Albany - you all are amazing humans, and you are embraced and valued in all aspects of respective identities, gender, religion, recognized legal status, experiences, and culture. I proudly stand on business, in my commitment to the safety and healing of our community.

That is my promise to Albany.

"Hate cannot drive out hate. Only love can do that." – MLK Jr.