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Confidential Settlement Communication (Evidence Code Section 1152)

**SENT VIA E-MAIL and U.S. MAIL**

April 4, 2016

The Lions Club  
Attention: Valerie Dunlap, President  
704 Norvell St.  
El Cerrito, 94530

Dear Ms. Dunlap and members of the Albany Lions Club,

The City Council is grateful for your courtesy to Mayor Maass and Council Member Nason when they visited with you on February 4, 2016. They have described to us all how touched they were by your loyalty to your departed Lion friends and your own fraternal traditions, and impressed by your interest in the history and the future of the City of Albany. They also expressed their appreciation of your willingness to hear alternative points of view to your own.

We would very much like to work with you to find a solution to that will address our shared interests, including: (1) appropriately memorializing Lions and others who provide devoted volunteer service to our community; (2) allowing the traditional Easter Sunrise services in the park to continue with an opportunity for the inclusion of a cross at such services; and (3) permanent design appropriate for use by all faiths (or of no faith) an equal opportunity to hold gatherings.

To begin this discussion, we ask you to consider the following proposal as an offer of settlement of threatened litigation:

1. The City of Albany will construct and maintain at the current location of the Lion's Club Cross on Albany Hill a Volunteers Memorial, which will include the following elements:
  - a. A decorative bench approved by the Lions Club with a plaque bearing the LCI symbol and the following words: "Dedicated by the Albany Lions Club to its members who have served the City of Albany as public servants and

volunteers.” The Lions Club may add additional plaques to the bench memorializing particular individuals if it so desires.

- b. Facing the bench, a footing or pad will be constructed suitable for the support of temporary pole-based elements, such as a cross, a flagpole, or other signs or symbols that might be placed during special events.
- c. The Volunteers Memorial will be made available to interested persons and organizations for short-term special events, by City-issued permit, on a nondiscriminatory basis, pursuant to the City approved procedures for special events in public parks.
- d. The City of Albany will consider requests from other organizations to place similar benches within the Volunteers Memorial area honoring people for their service to the community. The design and placement of similar benches would be required to be complimentary to the Lion’s Club bench.

2. The Lions Club will:

- a. Accept the immediate disconnection of electrical service to the existing cross.
- b. Take possession of the existing the Lions Club Cross upon its removal, unless the Albany Lions Club requests that the City of Albany recycle or otherwise dispose of it.
- c. The Lions Club will execute the documents required to relinquish and extinguish all real property interests associated with the parcel.

Thank you for considering these ideas. Mayor Maass and Council Member Nason will follow up with you next week, and look forward to further dialogue with you on this issue.

Sincerely,



Peter Maass, Mayor



Peggy McQuaid, Vice Mayor

Councilmembers



Michael Barnes



Nick Pilch



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