RESOLUTION NO. 2018-120

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF
PROPOSITION 2: NO PLACE LIKE HOME 2018

WHEREAS, more than 134,000 people are languishing on streets, huddled on
sidewalks, sleeping under freeways and along riverbanks; and

WHEREAS, as many as a third of the people living in these unsafe conditions are
living with an untreated mental illness; and

WHEREAS, decades of research shows providing people with a stable place to
live along with mental health services promotes healthy, stable lives; and

WHEREAS, without the foundation of a stable home connected to mental
healthcare, people suffering from serious mental illness are unable to make it to doctors’
appointments and specialized counseling services, often showing up in emergency rooms
as a last resort; and

WHEREAS, permanent supportive housing significantly reduces public health
costs, reduces suffering for patients, and achieves better health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, a recent RAND study in Los Angeles County of supportive housing
programs – similar to what Proposition 2 will do – found early success with more than
3,000 people moved off the streets, into housing and care, and saving taxpayers more
than $6 million after just one year; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 2 uses proven, models of pairing housing and mental
health care – keeping Californians experiencing homeless off the streets, out of hospitals
and emergency rooms and receiving the mental health services they need, while easing the burden on emergency responders and saving taxpayers millions.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Albany City Council hereby supports Proposition 2: No Place Like Home on the November 6, 2018 ballot to help end the suffering on our streets and neighborhoods by connecting people who have a serious mental illness to the supportive housing they need to get treatment and care in the stability of a home; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Albany City Council supports and can be listed as a member of the Proposition 2: No Place Like Home coalition.

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PEGGY MCQUAID, MAYOR