RESOLUTION NO. 2012-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF RENAMING THE EASTSHORE STATE PARK TO McLAUGLIN EASTSHORE STATE PARK

WHEREAS, the Eastshore State Park spans the East Bay shoreline from the Oakland Bay Bridge, north across Emeryville, Berkeley, across the City of Albany’s waterfront, and into Richmond, and serves as a recreational amenity for the entire region; and

WHEREAS, creating the Eastshore State Park required a monumental effort, involving decision makers, waterfront users, and the entire community; and

WHEREAS, Sylvia McLaughlin has served as a community leader throughout her life, demonstrating the integrity of citizen action, co-founding Citizens for East Shore Parks in 1985, and inspiring thousands of volunteers to help forge the Eastshore State Park along 8.5 miles of shoreline across five cities; and

WHEREAS, in 1961 McLaughlin co-founded the Save San Francisco Bay Association (Save the Bay) to prevent the filling of the Bay and to protect its habitats and magnificent recreational opportunities, spawning similar efforts and groups around the world; and

WHEREAS, renaming the Eastshore State Park to the McLaughlin Eastshore State Park will not only honor Sylvia McLaughlin but all the many thousands of volunteers who labored so long and hard along with Sylvia to protect the San Francisco Bay and to create the Eastshore State Park; and
WHEREAS, the State Park and Recreation Commission’s statement of Policy 11.2, #3 states “A unit may be named by the Commission in honor of a person living or deceased, or a group, organization, or other entity which has rendered services of statewide significance to the State Park System; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 55, Chapter 80, as authored by Assembly Member Nancy Skinner, was filed by the Secretary of State on September 6, 2011, requesting that the Department of Parks and Recreation rename the Eastshore State Park as the McLaughlin Eastshore State Park, noting McLaughlin’s extensive environmental activism spanning over the course of the last four decades.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Albany City Council does hereby express its support for the renaming of the Eastshore State Park to McLaughlin Eastshore State Park.

[Signatures]

ROBERT LIEBER, COUNCIL MEMBER

PEGGY THOMSEN, COUNCIL MEMBER

JOANNE WILE, COUNCIL MEMBER

MARGE ATKINSON, VICE MAYOR

FARID JAVANDEL, MAYOR

Attest:

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

the 16th day of April, 2012, by the following votes:

AYES:  Council Members  Lieber,  Wile, Thomsen, Vice Mayor Atkinson and Mayor Javandel

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

RECUSED:

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, this 17th

Day of April, 2012.

Eileen Harrington
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

The City of Albany is dedicated to maintaining its small town ambience, responding to the needs of a diverse community, and providing a safe, healthy and sustainable environment.