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WHEREAS, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is one of the longest-running programs of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the program funds activities such as affordable housing, anti-poverty programs, and infrastructure development that benefit low-income people or contribute to the elimination of blight; and

WHEREAS, guidelines under the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) state that in order to receive their own CDBG entitlement funds cities must have populations of 50,000 or more; or a county must qualify as an “urban county” with a population of 200,000 or more; and

WHEREAS, in order to be eligible for an entitlement of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) the cities of Albany, Emeryville, Piedmont, Dublin, Newark join with the unincorporated portions of the County of Alameda to form a combined Census population of 200,000 or more persons, thereby qualifying as an urban county; and
WHEREAS, jurisdictions that are part of the Urban County are ineligible to apply for grants under the HUD-administered Small Cities or State CDBG programs while they are part of an Urban County; and

WHEREAS, jurisdictions in the Urban County may only receive a portion of the formula allocation under the HOME Program through the Urban County, although this does not preclude the Urban County or a unit of government within the Urban County from applying for State HOME funds if the State allows; and

WHEREAS, jurisdictions in the Urban County may only receive the formula allocation under the ESG Program through the Urban County, although this does not preclude an Urban County or a unit of government participating with the Urban County to apply to the State of California for ESG funds, if the State allows; and

WHEREAS, staffing for the Alameda County Urban County is provided by Alameda County’s Housing and Community Development Department (HCD). The City of Albany Community and Human Services Manager meets with staff from the County and the other cities every 60 days to monitor the program; and

WHEREAS, every three years, Alameda County must re-qualify as an urban County to receive its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocation and as part of this process must renew Cooperative Agreements with jurisdictions within the Urban County.

WHEREAS, the County and City cannot withdraw from the cooperative agreement while the Program Year 2015-2017 Agreement remains in effect.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Albany City Council does hereby authorize the City Manager to enter into a three-year Cooperative Agreement with
Alameda County for Fiscal Years 2015, 2016 and 2017 for the continuation of the City of Albany's participation in the Alameda County Urban County for CDBG program funds in accordance with the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.

JOANNE WILE, MAYOR
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PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY,
the 15th day of September, 2014, by the following votes:

AYES:  Council Members Atkinson, Barnes, Nason, Vice Mayor Maass, Mayor Wile

NOES: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAINED: none

RECUSED: none

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, this 16th
day of September, 2014.

Eileen Harrington
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DEPUTY CITY CLERK