RESOLUTION NO. 2014-79

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE SENIOR CENTER ADA RENOVATION PROJECT, AUTHORIZE THE USE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDING UP TO $120,000 AND THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR REIMBURSEMENT, AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO RELEASE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE DESIGN OF THE SENIOR CENTER ADA RENOVATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Albany Senior Center provides a comprehensive array of recreational programs and services that meet the needs of older adults in the community enhancing their quality of life and helping them to remain active, healthy and independent; and

WHEREAS, the Senior Center is a single story building of approximately 4,050 square-feet. The building was built in the 1950’s with major alterations done in 1978 1991; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant program (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, the City of Albany currently uses its share of Community Development Block grant to fund Meals on Meals, the Homeless Outreach and Engagement Program, installation of ADA accessible curb ramps and Minor Home Repair and Rehabilitation programs; and
WHEREAS, approximately 2800 individuals visit the senior center on a monthly basis to use the services provided and demand for the Center classes and vital services has been high, and will only increase with the aging of the Baby Boomer generation; and

WHEREAS, the Senior Center ADA Renovation project intends to remodel the two existing main restrooms and the middle kitchen area of the Senior Center building to comply with current ADA standards requirements as well as to provide new ADA cabinetry for storage at the large meeting room, and minor rehabilitation upgrades such as replacement of windows and emergency exiting doors, and installation of a new accessible ramp; and

WHEREAS, Alameda County’s Housing and Community Development Department administers the City of Albany’s Minor Home Repair and Rehabilitation programs and according to County officials, the Minor Home Repair and Rehabilitation programs have a CDBG fund balance of $185,985 and there is currently no program waitlist or pending project; and

WHEREAS, unspent funds are available for transfer towards the Senior Center ADA Renovation Project and as part of the requirements for expenditure of CDBG funds, the use of funds for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements such as the improvements proposed in the Senior Center ADA Renovation Project is a presumed benefit for public facilities that serve seniors; and,

WHEREAS, the project Manager estimates that up to $120,000 will be needed for the project which will leave $75,985 for the Minor Home Repair and Owner Rehabilitation programs; and

WHEREAS, the improvements proposed by the Senior Center ADA Improvement Project will increase accessibility and promote positive experiences to all
persons who use Senior Center services by providing fully accessible restrooms and
kitchen as well as ADA cabinetry for storage in the large meeting room and replacement
of windows and emergency exiting doors, including the installation of a new accessible ramp,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Albany City Council does
hereby adopt resolution 2014-79 approving the Senior Center ADA Renovation Project,
authorizing the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding up to
$120,000 and the appropriation of funds for reimbursement, and authorizing the City
Manager to release a Request for Proposal for professional architectural services for the
design of the Senior Center ADA Renovation Project.

[Signature]
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
DEPUTY CITY CLERK