RESOLUTION #07-51

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING A GOAL OF 75% REDUCTION OF WASTE GOING TO LANDFILLS BY (2010) FOR THE CITY OF ALBANY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNTYWIDE 75% WASTE REDUCTION GOAL

WHEREAS, the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 mandated that every city and county in the state reduce the quantity of solid waste disposed within their jurisdiction and disposed in landfills by fifty percent by 2000; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albany has met the 50% waste reduction goal; and

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Waste Reduction and Recycling Initiative Charter Amendment (Measure D) established a countywide goal of 75% reduction of waste going to landfills; and

WHEREAS, City of Albany wishes to do its part to help achieve the Countywide goal of 75% reduction of waste going into landfills by 2010 by establishing a similar goal; and

WHEREAS, the Albany City Council’s goals include increasing recycling, reducing energy consumption, promoting a sustainable and healthy workplace, and increasing educational efforts related to waste reduction and enhancing the environment; and

WHEREAS, efforts to reduce waste, recycle and compost more in the residential, commercial, industrial and institutional sectors, and efforts to incorporate other waste reducing activities such as green building and bay-friendly landscape design can have a significant positive effect on energy, water and resource efficiency, greenhouse gas emissions, waste and pollution generation, wildlife habitat and the health and productivity of employees; and
WHEREAS, City of Albany has adopted a number of policies and programs that support this goal including a C&D ordinance, a green building ordinance, an environmental purchasing policy, a residential food waste collection program, a commercial recycling program and a curbside recycling program;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY

That the City Council adopts the goal of 75% reduction of waste going to landfills by 2010 for the City of Albany in accordance with the countywide 75% waste reduction goal using the existing state of California Diversion rate methodology for measurement.

FURTHER RESOLVED That City staff will work with StopWaste.Org to accomplish this goal and present strategies and programs to Council for consideration as needed.

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Mayor Robert Lieber