RESOLUTION NO. 2019-28

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF HOMELESS EMERGENCY AID PROGRAM (HEAP) GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $338,234.

WHEREAS, the California Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) established by Senate Bill (SB) 850 was signed into law by Governor Brown in June 2018, to provide $500 million to localities with flexible one-time emergency block grant funds to address their immediate homelessness challenges; and

WHEREAS, eligible uses of HEAP funds include homeless prevention activities, criminal justice diversion programs for homeless individuals with mental health needs, establishing or expanding services for homeless youth and emergency aid; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albany is part of the Oakland, Berkeley/Alameda County CoC which is set to receive approximately $24.9 million; and

WHEREAS, based on the HEAP distribution formula adopted by the Board of Supervisors, Albany’s allocation is $338,234; and

WHEREAS, on October 2, 2018, the Board of Supervisors designated Alameda County as the Administrative Entity (AE) to administer HEAP for the local CoC and responsibilities for managing contracts and reporting to the State on contract expenditures, the number of homeless individuals served by program funds, and the progress towards State and local homelessness goals; and
WHEREAS, the HEAP statute mandates that 50 percent of the awarded funds must be contractually obligated by January 1, 2020 and 100 percent of the funds must be expended by June 2021 or returned to the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency (BCSH); and

WHEREAS, due to the aggressive timeline for the expenditure of the funds there is a general concurrence in the region to use the funds on existing programs or one-time expenditures with the most potential for positive impact.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Albany City Council hereby authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the County of Alameda for the expenditure of Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) grant funds in the amount $338,234.

ROCHELLE NASON, MAYOR
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PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY,
The 15th day of April, 2019, by the following votes:

AYES:  Council Members Barnes, McQuaid, Pilch and Mayor Nason

NOES:  None

ABSENT: Council Member Maass

ABSTAINED: none

RECUSED: none

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, this
16th Day of April, 2019.

Eileen Harrington
DEPUTY CITY CLERK