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WHEREAS, on September 22, 2022 the Coastal Conservancy awarded the City the grant in full; and

1 **WHEREAS**, on June 20, 2023 Council awarded Contract No. C23-40 to Restoration
2 Design Group (RDG)/Nomad Ecology after staff selected their proposal for development of
3 the Albany Hill Forest Management and Habitat Restoration Plan; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, on March 3, 2025 consultants and staff presented a final Albany Hill
6 Forest Management and Habitat Restoration Plan to Council; and
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8 **WHEREAS**, City Council has weighed the merits of the Plan and considered
9 comments from advisory body commissioners and the public on the Plan; and
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11 **WHEREAS**, the USDA (U.S. Department of Agriculture) Forest Service Community
12 Wildfire Defense Grants (CWDG) Program is a \$1 billion five-year competitive grant program
13 funded by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act helping communities plan for and reduce
14 wildfire risk; and
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16 **WHEREAS**, the City has prepared the first project of three recommended in the Plan
17 for submission to CWDG for construction, along with continued funding for increased habitat
18 restoration and workforce development.
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20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that City Council hereby approve the
21 Albany Hill Forest Management & Habitat Restoration Plan; and
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23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Council hereby authorize staff to
24 submit an application for grant funding to the USDA Forest Service Community Wildfire
25 Defense Grants Program, and authorize the City Manager to enter into a grant agreement and
26 expend grant funds should a grant be awarded.
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ROBIN D. LÓPEZ, MAYOR