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## **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-105**

## A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS TO THE ALBANY HILL EUCALYPTUS PROJECT (CIP No. 41015) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000

**WHEREAS,** in the Fall of 2020, staff became aware of many eucalyptus on Albany Hill turning brown and declining, and

**WHEREAS**, in May 2021, staff briefed the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Commission on a UC Berkeley study researching the decline of Blue Gum Eucalyptus in the Bay Area, and

**WHEREAS,** in May 2021, a UC Berkeley research lab sampled eucalyptus on Albany Hill and in September 2021 released a report on Blue Gum Eucalyptus dieback in the Bay Area, and

**WHEREAS**, a consulting arborist released a report in July 2021, which concluded that most of the 390 eucalyptus surveyed near roads and trails on City property on Albany Hill are in poor or fair health and recommended their removal, and

WHEREAS, water stress readings on eucalyptus leaf stems in June and August 2021 revealed that eucalyptus on the crest of the hill are highly stressed for water and eucalyptus lower down on the east side of the hill are mildly stressed, and

WHEREAS, the Eucalyptus Dieback Report concluded that eucalyptus are under stress from drought, increasing temperatures, and decreasing fog, which has weakened their health and allowed attack by pathogens, and