

City of Albany

Proclamation

**IN RECOGNITION OF LUNAR NEW YEAR
February 1, 2022**

WHEREAS, the Lunar New Year begins on February 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, this is the Year of the Tiger; those born in the Year of the Tiger are vigorous and ambitious, daring and courageous, enthusiastic and generous, self-confident with a sense of justice and a commitment to help others for the greater good; and

WHEREAS, the Lunar New Year marks the first new moon of the lunisolar calendars traditional to many east Asian countries which are regulated by the cycles of the moon and sun; and

WHEREAS, the origin of the Lunar New Year, also known as Spring Festival, dates back centuries and was once a time to honor deities and ancestors with celebrations that can last for 15 days until the full moon; and

WHEREAS, today the celebration is observed by many Asians across the world with family gathering dinners, decorations, firecrackers, the traditional lion dance, and prayers; and

WHEREAS, the Asian American community continues to be an integral part of Albany; contributing significantly to all aspects of daily life; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albany continues our support of the Solano Avenue Association's Lunar New Year Celebration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, the City Council sends greetings and wishes for good fortune in the New Year to our Asian American friends as you celebrate the Lunar New Year, Xin Nian Kuai Le (Happy New Year) and Gong Hay Fat Choy (Congratulations & Good Fortune)!

Date: January 18, 2022

PRESTON JORDAN, MAYOR