

RESOLUTION NO. 5396

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING MEASURE 37 REFORM

WHEREAS, Linn County, Benton County, and the City of Albany have received more than 500 Measure 37 demands, including a flood of demands in the final month before December 6, 2006; and

WHEREAS, approximately 7,000 demands have been submitted, impacting over half a million acres of farm and forest land statewide; and

WHEREAS, these demands impact thousands of acres in Linn and Benton Counties, including land in close proximity to Albany; and

WHEREAS, development on such a large scale could have significant negative impacts on the City of Albany's transportation system, water supply, economy, and overall quality of life; and

WHEREAS, local taxpayers can expect to shoulder significant costs as a result of large-scale development outside of city limits where services are currently available; and

WHEREAS, voters supported Measure 37 to protect the rights of certain small landowners to build a home; and

WHEREAS, proposals for an "express-line," for claimants seeking one additional house addresses the rights of certain small landowners to build a home; and

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to address the unintended consequences of larger Measure 37 demands.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Albany City Council hereby urges swift action by the Legislature to address the challenges posed to local governments and the quality of life in our state by the many unresolved issues associated with Measure 37.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE THIS 28TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2007.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk