



HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF AL WEINRUB

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WHEREAS, throughout his life, and despite significant health challenges, Al stayed on the leading edge of the movement, becoming a highly knowledgeable spokesperson, authoring multiple influential articles, as well as his book *Energy Democracy*, which highlights the necessity of equity within our energy systems; and

WHEREAS, Al Weinrub dedicated his life to the pursuit of equity and energy justice, founding the California Alliance for Community Energy and receiving recognition as a “Lifelong Energy Justice Champion” in April 2023, shortly before his passing; and

WHEREAS, Al’s extensive writings will be preserved in the UMass-Amherst Robert S. Cox Special Collections and University Archives, providing future generations with invaluable insights into his multifaceted activism, documenting over 50 years of dedication to labor, human rights, and climate justice movements.

WHEREAS, the establishment of the Al Weinrub Justice Fund will ensure that his work remains accessible to scholars, activists, and the public, facilitating the digitization of his writings and promoting engagement with his enduring contributions to social justice.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, **Jesse Arreguin**, Mayor of the City of Berkeley, and the Berkeley City Council do hereby honor and celebrates the life and legacy of Al Weinrub, recognizing his extraordinary commitment to justice, equity, and the democratization of energy systems, and pledges to continue his vital work in the spirit of his lifelong advocacy.

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