

A RESOLUTION TO PURSUE A CLEAN, AFFORDABLE, RELIABLE, AND LOCAL ENERGY FUTURE BY GIVING THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS SUSTAINABLE ENERGY OPTIONS

Whereas, Minneapolis is dependent mostly on imported and inefficiently used coal, nuclear, and gas; and

Whereas, our energy options are decided by energy monopolies Xcel Energy (electric) and Centerpoint Energy (gas) whose first priority is their shareholders, not the public;

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis will have the once-in-a-generation opportunity to negotiate agreements with Xcel Energy and Centerpoint Energy regarding their service in Minneapolis in 2014;

Whereas, Minneapolis residents want to make energy more affordable through reduced energy use and increased efficiency; and

Whereas, Minneapolis residents want our energy dollars to pay for clean, local energy instead importing polluting energy; and

Whereas, increasing clean, local energy and reducing energy use can significantly increase local jobs and economic activity in an equitable manner; and

Whereas, other US cities have taken action to increase their energy options; and

Whereas, the City has nothing to lose by creating energy options.

Therefore,

Be it Resolved that the Minneapolis     -     DFL Caucus supports the City of Minneapolis in exploring alternatives to signing a similar long-term agreement with the same energy companies; and  
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Be it Resolved that the Minneapolis     -     DFL Caucus calls on DFL-endorsed City Council members to vote for a resolution to place a question on the November, 2013 ballot that, if approved by the voters, would authorize the City of Minneapolis to research, explore, and pursue the option of converting our energy utilities to city ownership, if such a transition would create a more reliable, affordable and clean local energy system; and  
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Be it Resolved that the Minneapolis     -     DFL Caucus supports the efforts of the Minneapolis Energy Options campaign to pursue clean, affordable, reliable, and local energy in Minneapolis – a more democratic energy system – through these and other approaches.  
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Be it Resolved that the Minneapolis     -     DFL Caucus calls on the City of Minneapolis DFL to place a “yes” vote on the Minneapolis Energy Options ballot question on the 2013 municipal election DFL Sample Ballot.  
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