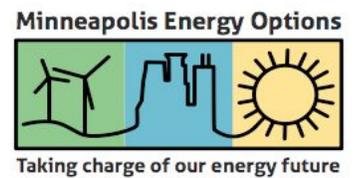




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Community Power 2017 Minneapolis Candidate Questionnaire

Community Power invites all candidates to complete the following questionnaire to inform Minneapolis voters on positions shaping Minneapolis's energy future:

1. What role do you feel energy infrastructure, sourcing, and decision-making play in shaping livability, affordability, economic resilience and community health for Minneapolis residents and businesses? How do you propose to fulfill that role?

A central component of my campaign is to ensure the full implementation of the Minneapolis Climate Action Plan that was adopted by the city in June, 2013. This plan addresses all of these issues, including a target of reducing greenhouse gas emissions 30% by 2025. In order to meet his ambitious goal, the city and its residents need to invest in being more energy-efficient and grow the utilization of renewable energy sources such as solar and wind.

2. Do you think Minneapolis is adequately prepared to respond to climate change? If yes, how? If no, what do you think Minneapolis should do to become prepared?

While I feel the city has made some progress, I don't think it has gone far enough. City financing to update existing city buildings so they are more energy-efficient. Tracking of the 'carbon budget' needs more attention. We can do better at promoting alternatives to driving by investing in public transportation, bike lanes, and pedestrian-friendly streets.

3. Do you support a policy of 100% renewable electricity for city operations by 2021, 100% renewable electricity by 2030 for all Minneapolis energy users, and 100% renewable energy in all sectors (electricity, heating, transportation, industry) by 2050 for all Minneapolis energy users (check one)?
 - Yes, by those timelines**
 - Yes, by (define years) _____
 - No

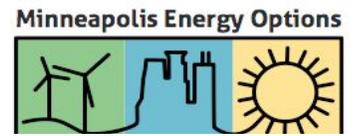
Feel free to provide a deeper explanation of your position:

I fully support moving as quickly as possible to get all energy users off of coal and onto renewable energy. Esp. now that Trump has pulled out of the Paris Agreement, it is more important than ever for the cities to take the lead. I think Minneapolis is well positioned to be at the forefront of this movement nationally.

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4. What do you intend to do during your time in office to help achieve the Minneapolis Energy Vision (established by City Council in 2014) and the goals of the Minneapolis Clean Energy Partnership?

I intend to ensure that all city budgeting, purchasing, and building take into account the need to meet these goals. In addition, the city must be a vocal proponent of these goals. The Climate Action Plan cannot sit on a shelf gathering dust. I will advocate that a report card of progress be created that is easy to understand and is accessible to all residents. Only by creating a sense of shared responsibility and importance will Minneapolis be able to meet its goals.

5. Do you support securing universally-accessible financing that allows all Minneapolis energy users to make energy efficiency improvements and switch to clean energy with no upfront cost, no debt or credit checks, and monthly payments on utility bills that are overall lowered due to the energy saved?
- Yes
 - No

Feel free to provide a deeper explanation of your position:

The city needs to make switching to renewables and upgrading homes as easy and painless as possible. As a Green, I recognize how those with the least resources to make upgrades will feel the greatest impacts from climate change. The city has to play a role in assisting these residents.

6. Do you support using the rooftops of Minneapolis public buildings to host community solar gardens that create access for low-income families as well as train and hire Minneapolis residents of color to install and maintain them?
- Yes
 - No

Feel free to provide a deeper explanation of your position:

7. How would you advance equitable access to energy resources for renters and low-income families to ensure that all Minneapolis families have healthy, comfortable homes, affordable energy bills, and the choice to shift to clean and efficient energy?

The city can work with landlords, home owners, and solar companies to develop a means by which renters and low income residents are able to buy energy from solar gardens.

8. Would you support an increase in utility franchise fees of 0.5% of Minneapolis energy sales to be re-invested in dedicated long-term funding for local energy solutions (**check all that apply**)?
- Yes
 - No

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Minneapolis Energy Options



- Dedicated funding could additionally/instead come from these sources:
- These specific energy solutions need this kind of long-term funding:

Feel free to provide a deeper explanation of your position:

9. How should the City of Minneapolis evaluate the effectiveness of the Minneapolis Clean Energy Partnership as its second two year work plan ends in late 2018? What criteria or thresholds would convince you that the Minneapolis Clean Energy Partnership is succeeding (and should be sustained and expanded) OR is failing (and the city should pursue a different route)?

I want to create a scorecard that can be easily digested by city residents. Tracking our carbon budget and the impact of our actions is a key element of successful implementation and education. I will work with the energy experts to prioritize the criteria that should be contained in this scorecard. The Climate Action Plan was the product of a lot people. They devoted considerable time and thoughtfulness to it. I would bring this group back together to ask them how can we show the residents our collective accomplishments. If we're not succeeding, we could then prioritize what needs to be addressed first to get the city back on track.

10. If Xcel Energy and/or CenterPoint Energy refused to agree to the measurable outcomes you defined in question 9, or failed to achieve them, would you support active exploration of other options by the City of Minneapolis, including: terminating the franchise agreement, securing Community Choice Aggregation, or pursuing energy municipalization (**check one**)?
- Yes**
 - Yes, under these conditions:
 - No

Feel free to provide a deeper explanation of your position:

I think the city should look into a municipal energy company even if Xcel and CenterPoint do agree to help and work towards the goals with enthusiasm. More competition is likely to keep them focused on improving. The city has basically granted these companies a monopoly and if they can truly do it better, then pursuing energy municipalization should not intimidate them.

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