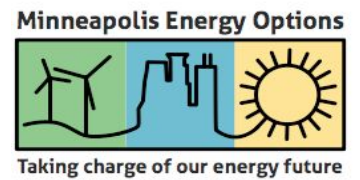




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Community Power 2017 Minneapolis Candidate Questionnaire

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 beautiful Minneapolis will be the one where all, regardless of income or neighborhood, have access to affordable, renewable energy. My task as Mayor will be to lay the groundwork to achieve the long-term objective of making renewable energy, first, an abundant energy source, second, the most financially sensible energy source, and, ultimately, the exclusive energy source in Minneapolis.

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?

The city has good plans in place, but needs strong, intelligent leadership to not only enforce the plans, but also to adapt and modify goals as circumstances change.

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:

If a rational policy can lead to those three milestones in that time frame, I am all for it, it is an urgent need and deserves all our effort. The city operations by 2021 sounds like a realistic goal. I'd appreciate if Community Power can provide me with its policy proposal.

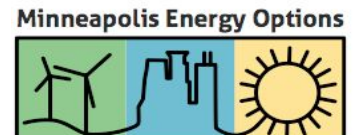
4. What do you intend to do during your time in office to help achieve the Minneapolis Energy Vision (established by City Council in 2014) and the goals of the Minneapolis Clean Energy Partnership?

My main objective as Mayor to lead us to achieve the goals laid out in the Energy Vision will be to apply reasonable-but-firm pressure on Xcel and Centerpoint to ensure that they come out of the failed "marketing" mindset, and directly engage neighborhood organizations and community-based non-profits to publicize their Clean Energy Partnership-mandated programs. Enrollment numbers must grow faster.

Moreover, I will change the partnership from its sluggish quarterly meeting pattern to a monthly



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meeting, so that progress can be tracked much closer to real time. There is a deep sense of urgency with all this.

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:

This is a necessary step in making the city more environmentally resilient and efficient. Inclusive financing incentivizes residential environmental improvements, has an astonishingly high acceptance rate, and leads to a more energy-efficient city. As Mayor, I will make inclusive financing a priority in negotiations.

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:

The jobs creation element is particularly important to me. The core task would be to simplify the approval process for projects like this, but Minneapolis has an opportunity to be a leader, and we should take it.

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?

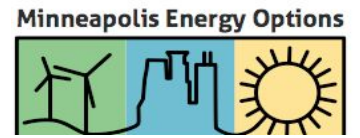
By ensuring renter's rights against predatory landlords. City communications will include information on the energy rights for all tenants, and remedy routes if those rights are violated.

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
 - Dedicated funding could additionally/instead come from these sources:

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- These specific energy solutions need this kind of long-term funding:

Feel free to provide a deeper explanation of your position:

Why isn't this already the case?

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)?

The CEP must be judged based on the goals set in the document itself. In evaluating each specific target, no excuses can be made or accepted for underperformance. I think the city has been too lenient on half-hearted efforts by utilities partners to achieve these goals -- 2018 will be the time to push the topic to the center of the table. On any failed target, a thorough examination will be ordered, led personally by me, and remedies will be negotiated.

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:

The city cannot be held captive by two utility companies. If they are repeatedly neglecting their obligations laid out in the CEP, we must be ready as a customer to consider other options.

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