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Minneapolis Energy Options



Taking charge of our energy future

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?

I believe in community owned, democratic, cooperative business arrangements for all businesses. I think that this applies to energy production as well. I believe that all energy should come from renewable sources, including solar and wind, as soon as possible. I am also not apposed to nuclear energy if it can be done safely and without producing radioactive waste. I understand that their is a way to produce nuclear energy by using nuclear waste as fuel, and which would not produce any nuclear waste. I would support further research into that. I think that climate change is the most important problem facing our planet and we should do everything in our power to solve that problem.

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?

I don't think it is possible to be fully prepared for climate change therefor we must work to prevent it in the first place. We can start by using the methods I have stated above.

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 support doing all of these things as soon as possible. Preferably before the dates given.

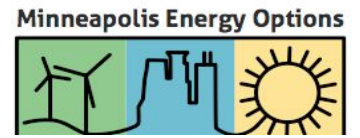
4. What do you intend to do during your time in office to help achieve the Minneapolis Energy Vision (established by City Council in 2014) and the goals of the Minneapolis Clean Energy Partnership?

As I have stated in my campaign letter, I am going to make prevention climate change my third highest priority behind only eliminating poverty and violence prevention.

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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:

Yes. I support the establishment of a municipal bank, owned by and for the residents of Minneapolis to help facilitate that goal.

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:

Yes. I would support the establishment of collective businesses, with the initial startup capital, training and the initial management, coming from the city, as well as other levels of government in a public-private partnership which may include NGOs including religious institutions etcetera for unemployed and underemployed people of all races. I would like to see the management of these businesses turned over to the workers as soon as they demonstrate the necessary skills. I would than like the employees who wanted that responsibility to be given the option to buy out the public-private partnership and own the business as a collective. I would see that as a model for many kinds of businesses including, but not limited to, energy production.

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?

I am advocating a Basic Income Guarantee, high enough to bring everyone above the poverty level. I would Increase the Earned Income Tax Credit and I am advocating the creation of collective businesses, as mentioned above, for unemployed and underemployed residents of Minneapolis.

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

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- No
- 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:

Yes, at least that much, maybe 1% or more.

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 will have to research this item more.

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:

Yes, but I would probably support exploring all of these options anyway.

I am generally available in the afternoons and evenings. Week days or weekends are ok with me. Why don't you suggest a day and I will try to accommodate.