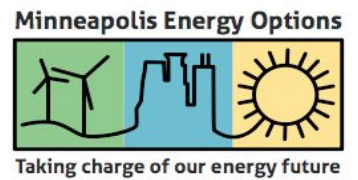




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Community Power 2017 Minneapolis Candidate Questionnaire

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?

Clearly we want people to be able to afford to heat and cool their houses and have energy efficient appliances and we should encourage those purchases with a discount and the understanding that folks will save on their energy cost. I have followed these issues closely since I have been elected.

2. Do you think (the city enterprise of?) 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 think in terms of encouraging energy savings and designing programs particularly for the highest energy use commercial buildings and retrofitting the cities own buildings and vehicle fleets we are on track but as you know it takes more than Minneapolis to lower emissions and promote alternative energy. We have to engage our partners at the County and State level.

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) _____ (see below) _____
 No

Feel free to provide a deeper explanation of your position:

The City adopted the [Minneapolis Climate Action Plan](#) in 2013, which identifies a roadmap for the city to meet its [current greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals](#) of 15 percent by 2015, 30 percent by 2025 and 80 percent or more by 2050. The first annual report of the Clean Energy Partnership shows this to be possible.

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?

Continue city programs aimed at these goals and wherever possible examine new programs and renewable energy options.

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Minneapolis Energy Options



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
 XX No (not quite...)

Feel free to provide a deeper explanation of your position:

I want to encourage improvements but users need some "skin in the game". If it adds value to you home and you can afford it, perhaps we could finance with a sliding income scale. I doubt the energy companies would take the risk of underwriting potential bad debt with no credit checks.

In the past, if revenue goes down the energy companies just go to the PUC and asks for a rate increase. So we need a way to balance this.

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?

- XX Yes
 No

Feel free to provide a deeper explanation of your position:

Yes, provided the installation companies are certified and have a training program for residents of color. Summit Academy already has a training program like this.

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 think programs for heating assistance- all types of heating assistance- for low income residents should be available. It should be heavily incentivized for using greener energy.

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**)?

- XX Yes
 No
 Dedicated funding could additionally/instead come from these sources:
 These specific energy solutions need this kind of long-term funding:

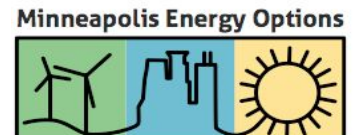
Feel free to provide a deeper explanation of your position:

I assume if you increase franchise fees, then energy costs will go up so. It would in the accompanying document, the program to evaluate energy use and make homes more efficient hasn't had many takers. So I question this, and to me making it free isn't the solution. If to add additional staff, what are the expected results of that position.

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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 think we should use the force of our Internal Audit Committee to do an independent evaluation of the reported results. As Chair of this committee, we have had important results come out of this type of work.

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 doesn't need to pursue a bank, or a municipal energy company, but needs to do a better job on basic services. When we do that, I think we will achieve better outcomes.

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