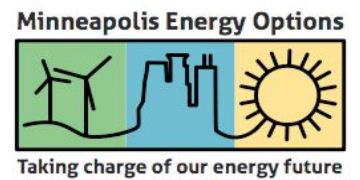




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Community Power 2017 Minneapolis Candidate Questionnaire

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?

Many people, when asked about these issues, will point outward, to companies and ideas far away that we can bring to our city. I think of one thing, and that is, jobs. It is all about jobs. If, in our path to build a new energy structure, we come up with a new idea, why not share that idea while keeping the jobs that foster that idea here in Minneapolis? Also, building a smart energy infrastructure can only help our lower-income residents. The higher the housing density, the more efficient it will be to integrate our plans, Ward 6 has the opportunity to be a hotbed of innovation. These innovations will lower costs, reduce emissions, reduce pollution impacts, resulting in a healthier, more livable 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 short answer to your question is, no city in the world is prepared for climate change, whether we are talking about responding to it or reducing its impacts.

The solution to climate change comes both from reducing our energy dependence and finding new, long-term solutions to serve our ongoing energy needs. The latter point is all too often overlooked. Our city will not go to zero emissions in a day, and we need to come up with green technology to increase renewable energy use. Cities are think-tanks, and Minneapolis has long been known for being on the cutting edge of technology and idea generation.

Our city will not stop growing. In fact, quite the opposite, and we need innovative solutions for our larger population.

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

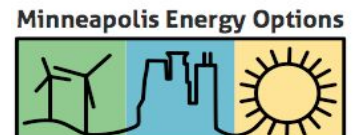
Feel free to provide a deeper explanation of your position:

It is the government's role to lead in this area. By adding rail lines, changing our busses over to renewable energy, then our government vehicles, then our police force, we provide a path for our citizens to adjust their energy usage. In addition, we can set examples such as encouraging employees to ride bikes, live close to work, and live close to transportation lines.

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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?

It is all about jobs. We will need solar services and manufacturing, community renewable energy projects, and more localized energy generation including on residential rooftops and lawns.

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:

I have long been fighting for greater equity, in wages, child care, and safe streets. By creating a smart and open energy grid, our residents will be less dependent on outside sources, and energy will be less expensive. We cannot place the burden of this change on our low-income families.

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:

I not only support the ideas mentioned here, but believe these solar gardens will be the sparks that will eventually bring our entire city to net-zero energy status. It has to start somewhere and I want Minneapolis to continue to be a national leader in the green area. As a personal note, I have too many friends with environmental backgrounds that cannot find work in their areas. We have the human capital to make these ideas a reality. Let's do it.

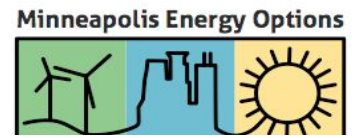
7. How would you advance equitable access to energy resources for renters and low-income families to ensure that all Minneapolis families have healthy, comfortable homes, affordable energy bills, and the choice to shift to clean and efficient energy?

Homeowners often get discounts when installing solar and other renewable sources. Renters are too often not part of the process. But we need to focus on the higher density housing market. The council needs to back renters and low income families. Renewables should be required on certain housing developments or remodels. Public policy should include equitable solutions and legislation needs to

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hold housing responsible in updating renewables. Since it will benefit the city, Minneapolis, Xcel Energy, and other beneficiaries should pitch in.

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

Feel free to provide a deeper explanation of your position:

Just about everything we do in the energy sector has to have a long-term focus. By having 0.5% dedicated to our energy solutions will insure our children of an infrastructure they are sure to build upon.

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)?

First, we need to have an outside source evaluate the success or failure of such a project. The results should be public and open to scrutiny. The work-groups defined cover vast definitions, from single-family homes to small and large commercial properties. It will not be a one-size fits all solution. We cannot expect a proposal like this to be implemented 100% as planned. And, with that in mind, we will certainly be revising our partnerships along the way. Our partners should be at our side with the same goals as our city residents. If they are not on board, we will have to look elsewhere. These plans will not only have yearly markers, but, markers measured in decades. Community engagement and feedback should be expected to grow as well as data supplied to the city. Criteria include greenhouse gas emissions, building energy use, solar gardens, rooftop solar, wind sources, and feedback from our Home Energy Squads.

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:

This question is probably the most loaded as it contains the most uncertainties. It is no secret that what we are talking about is reducing our dependence on the energy companies. Building a cleaner future involves many many things, including changing our plans. In Minneapolis, we are taking our



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first steps into our new future, and if we do not expect to stumble, we are kidding ourselves. Today, municipalization of our energy system would be like building a wall around our communities. We do not have the technology for such a dramatic change today. When we do have the technology, whether that is five, ten, or twenty years from now, it would be a smart move. I am and always will be in favor of CCA, as it is a first step to the possibility of energy freedom by allowing our residents to be an integral part of the coming change. Finally, Xcel/CenterPoint Energy will be changing as renewables become more mainstay. I do not see those companies as the same entities twenty to thirty years from now. In the meantime, I would like to be their partner. Yes, if there are problems, we may have to cut ties, but, more likely, we will be able to learn from each other on how to develop the most efficient, smart, energy grid.

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