

**From:** City of Minneapolis Community Environmental Advisory Commission  
**To:** Minneapolis City Council  
**Date:** April 11, 2018  
**Subject:** 100% Renewable Electricity Resolution

Members of Minneapolis City Council,

The Community Environmental Advisory Committee (CEAC) would like to submit this letter in support of the 100% Renewable Electricity Resolution. CEAC is fully supportive of the resolution and would like to acknowledge efforts to involve stakeholders such as the Energy Vision Advisory Committee, CEAC, and other community stakeholders. This Resolution is an important step in achieving the goals of the City's Climate Action Plan.

We note the Resolution's reaffirmation of the City's goals of 80% carbon emission reduction by 2050 and 10% local renewable electricity generation by 2025, but would like to further encourage the City to aspirational targets beyond these goals in line with recommendations from community groups.

In developing the blueprint, CEAC would also encourage City staff to define "local." We would like to highlight the importance of developing renewable energy within our City boundaries. The infill development of local energy sources will increase resilience and help build a local and equitable green economy. Concrete targets of energy resources on city owned property and within the city borders should be developed and programs should be created to prioritize these sources over others.

CEAC would also like to bring attention to the city's growing need for stable and increased resources to be dedicated towards this resolution and the City's Climate Action Plan. City staff are doing great work to advance these efforts, but more resources will be needed to ensure that action is taken to achieve the City's targets. While increased franchise fee funds might provide one source for new programs, CEAC would like to urge the Mayor and City Council to commit long term stable funding from other sources. Against recommendations from many groups, significant franchise fee funds have already been dedicated towards efforts that were previously funded from other sources.

We ask that City Council approve this resolution and ensure that sufficient resources are dedicated towards developing the blueprint and funding its implementation. The broad public engagement of these efforts has demonstrated the growing support for progressive climate policies in our City. We believe the City has a duty to reflect this growing support and take action to achieve these goals.

Sincerely,

Community Environmental Advisory Committee