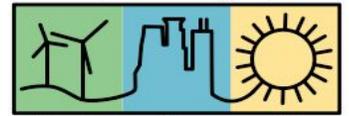




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Community Power 2017 Minneapolis Candidate Questionnaire

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?

The strength of energy infrastructure and the sources we use to power our lives are interrelated to key measures of success and prosperity. For instance, I authored a budget amendment this year to develop a plan for moving the City's fleet of vehicles completely away from fossil fuels, which will help improve air quality, helping the health of residents in our city through cleaner air that we all breathe. By localizing energy production through solar, wind, and other means, we harden our infrastructure against outages and failures. By switching to renewable sources, we protect ourselves from the market sways of diminishing energy resources and global cartels such as OPEC which squeeze consumers and funnel money out of our nation. And most importantly, by making wise decisions locally, we can advance environmental protections while also doing our part towards addressing climate change. I propose we fulfill the role of improving our success and prosperity in Minneapolis by vigorous pursuit of conversion to renewable energy and through modernization of infrastructure.

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?

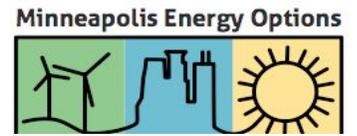
We are getting there, but there is still more to do. For instance, in Ward 12 we are working on the issue of Lake Hiawatha and the inability for the park's current use as a golf course to handle large-scale flood events (as was seen in 2013). This represents a once-in-a-city opportunity to reimagine and reshape this park to be not only more ecologically friendly, but to significantly increase its storm water capacity. Doing so will certainly help our community with the more extreme weather events we are seeing as a result of climate change. There is even interest in integrating a food forest to help localize food production as global agricultural practices coupled with extreme weather events threaten us with food shortages. There are truly countless steps we can take to help. For instance, we are working on piloting a permeable alley in Ward 12, and replacing grass with pollinator plantings along two corridors (50th Street and Hiawatha Ave).

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) _____

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- No

Feel free to provide a deeper explanation of your position:

I think we can probably move up “all sectors” ahead of 2050 if considering exponential technological advancements. I would also recommend breaking out City vehicles and tracking that separately on a fast timeline.

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?

I will continue to bring forward budget amendments and staff directions to advance this work, as I did not only with our City fleet, but as I did by requesting a plan for accelerating LED streetlight rollout (which was passed as an amendment) and my pursuit of hosting solar gardens on municipal buildings, switching the City to being a solar garden subscriber, empowering local solar providers with data to target outreach, and generally pushing for doing better even sooner. You should know you have a partner in me, so if you have ideas on how we can do even more, my door and mind are always open. Reach me at: Andrew.Johnson@minneapolismn.gov or 612-673-2212 or via my weekly open office hours posted at: www.minneapolismn.gov/ward12

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:

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

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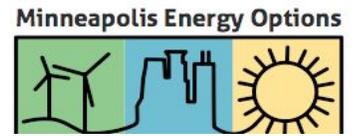
I have already pushed for this and will continue to.

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

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energy bills, and the choice to shift to clean and efficient energy?

I think we can do more to spread the word about community solar gardens to residents. There is also a need to offer some greater confidence to consumers through provider vetting. And certainly hosting solar gardens on municipal buildings will help with capacity-building. For renters in multi-unit buildings, pursuing incentives and requirements that help building owners make the right choice will provide the benefit for tenants without the burden of research and effort. I would also like to see more resources offered to help homeowners improve energy efficiency.

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:

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)?

It will depend on the results they bring forward and whether they are not only keeping up with, but helping to accelerate our pace on achieving the goals set forth in the Climate Action Plan.

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

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