

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS MICHELLE WU AND MATT O'MALLEY

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**AN ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMUNITY
CHOICE ENERGY IN THE CITY OF BOSTON**

WHEREAS: The City of Boston recognizes the need to adopt cleaner and more renewable forms of energy in order to mitigate the effects of climate change and foster a more sustainable future; *and,*

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts Restructuring Act of 1997 establishes Community Choice Energy (also known as Aggregation) as a process for individual municipalities to use bulk purchasing power to negotiate the cost of electricity on behalf of residents and small businesses in their communities; *and,*

WHEREAS: A total of 136 cities and towns have received approval from the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU) to implement Community Choice Energy Programs since the start of 2017; *and,*

WHEREAS: The Cape Light Compact, which comprises twenty-one towns and two counties and is the largest and earliest Community Choice Energy project in Massachusetts announced in December 2016 that its power supply will be 100% renewable; *and,*

WHEREAS: The City of Cleveland, Ohio entered into a Community Choice Energy agreement in June 2015 that offers residents and businesses a standard electric plan with 50% of the energy coming from renewable sources; *and,*

WHEREAS: Community Choice Energy can create opportunities for lower electricity rates, enhanced consumer protection, greater energy consumption transparency, heightened stability in the energy market, and increased use of renewable technologies; *and,*

WHEREAS: The Boston City Council voted unanimously on October 4, 2017, to authorize Community Choice Energy and that authorization order included a recommendation of establishing a working group that includes Council members and community stakeholders; *NOW,*

THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss the implementation of Community Choice Energy in Boston, and representatives from the Office of Environment, Energy and Open Space and other interested parties and members of the public be invited to testify.

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