



BARCROFT SCHOOL AND CIVIC LEAGUE

800 South Buchanan Street
Arlington, Virginia 22204

September 11, 2017

TO: Arlington County Board, Arlington County Civic Federation

This transmits a resolution that was voted on and passed unanimously at a public meeting of the Barcroft School and Civic League on September 7, 2017.

Sincerely,

Chris Siple
President

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF THE COMMUNITY ENERGY PLAN AND THE TRANSITION TO RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY BY 2035

Whereas the Barcroft School and Civic League supports the Arlington County Community Energy Plan's goal to sharply reduce greenhouse gas emissions from all sectors by more than 75% by 2050;¹

Whereas meeting Arlington's Community Energy Plan goal will require a substantial transition to renewable energy in all sectors of the County;

Whereas electricity accounts for approximately two-thirds of energy use in Arlington;²

Whereas renewable electricity costs in Arlington have fallen sharply, and are now competitive in cost with fossil fuel-based electricity for many homeowners, businesses, and County government facilities;³

Whereas renewable electricity costs are expected to continue to fall for the foreseeable future,⁴ while the cost of fossil fuel-based electricity is expected to rise; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that:

1. The Barcroft School and Civic League supports the transition to 100% renewable electricity in Arlington by 2035;
2. Encourages the County Board and all Arlingtonians to do their part to plan for and achieve this important goal;
3. Encourages the Arlington County Civic Federation to pass a resolution in support of this goal and to take other appropriate action on this issue over time.

¹ Arlington County Community Energy Plan,
<https://environment.arlingtonva.us/energy/community-energy-plan-cep/>

² Arlington County Community Energy Plan, *supra*, p. 6.

³ Deutsche Bank Securities, Inc., *Solar Grid Parity in a Low Oil Price Era*, February 2015, available online at https://db.com/cr/en/docs/solar_report_full_length.pdf

⁴ Bloomberg News, "Wind and Solar are Crushing Fossil Fuels," April 6, 2016, available online at <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2016-04-06/wind-and-solar-are-crushing-fossil-fuels>