



**CITY OF BEACON
CITY COUNCIL**

RESOLUTION NO. 65 OF 2022

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE BUILD PUBLIC RENEWABLES ACT

WHEREAS, the New York State Senate and Assembly are now considering adopting into law the Build Public Renewables Act (A1466A/S6453), requiring the New York power authority to provide only renewable energy and power to customers and requiring such authority to be the sole provider of energy to all state owned and municipal properties; and

WHEREAS, New York State passed in 2019 the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), committing our state to a rapid decarbonization of our economy and ensuring that we invest in frontline communities most impacted by pollution and climate change — specifically that the State generate 70% of electricity from renewable sources by 2030, 100% carbon-free electricity by 2040, and net zero carbon emissions economy-wide by 2050; and

WHEREAS, only about 5% of electricity in New York State is currently generated by wind and solar; and

WHEREAS, the Build Public Renewables Act requires all NYPA projects to include: prevailing wage, project labor agreements, neutrality to unionization, and priority to existing hiring halls and apprenticeship programs; and

WHEREAS, tens of thousands of green union jobs are anticipated to come to the state, including the Hudson Valley, through the passing of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Act will add as much as \$93 billion to the state's economy without raising taxes, as NYPA is funded by issuing its own bonds, which are highly-rated by all three major rating agencies; and

WHEREAS, current State Assemblymember Jonathan Jacobson, representing the City of Beacon, has already signed onto the bill as co-sponsor; and

WHEREAS, the City of Beacon, as one of only eight Silver Certified Climate Smart Communities in the State, is a leader in the adoption and support of Climate Smart policies and sets an example for other municipalities across the state; and

WHEREAS, the City of Beacon has itself already implemented aligned efforts towards the State's CLCPA goals, such as constructing a municipal solar array and adopting a Community Choice Aggregate program to deliver renewable energy to utility customers in the City of Beacon; and

WHEREAS, the City of Beacon recognizes that Climate Change is a human-made phenomenon and represents an existential threat to our community and our world; and

WHEREAS, the 52nd annual celebration of Earth Day lands on April the 22nd, wherein the year's theme is "Invest in our Planet," and therefore represents a timely opportunity to recommit the City of Beacon to its Climate priorities and to our responsibilities as global citizens;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Beacon City Council urges the New York State Legislature to pass of the Build Public Renewables Act (A1466A/S6453); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Beacon City Council urges New York State to focus additional economic development resources into the Hudson Valley to provide prevailing wage jobs for the construction and operation of clean power generation, brownfield clean-up, or other appropriate economic development projects in the Hudson Valley, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk of the City of Beacon is directed to send a copy of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, State Assemblymember Jonathan Jacobson, and to State Senator Sue Serino.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Amendments						<input type="checkbox"/> 2/3 Required	
<input type="checkbox"/> Not on roll call.		<input type="checkbox"/> On roll call				<input type="checkbox"/> 3/4 Required	
Motion	Second	Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Reason	Absent
	x	Paloma Wake	x				
x		Justice McCray	x				
		George Mansfield	x				
		Wren Longno	x				
		Molly Rhodes	x				
		Dan Aymar-Blair	x				
		Mayor Lee Kyriacou	x				
		Motion Carried	x				