



**CITY OF BEACON
CITY COUNCIL**

RESOLUTION NO. 42 OF 2023

URGING THE NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO APPROVE AND IMPLEMENT AN OPT-OUT COMMUNITY DISTRIBUTED GENERATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Beacon (the “City”) is concerned about the impact of fossil-fuel energy sources on the environment, public health, and costs of energy for City residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, Community Distributed Generation (“CDG”) is a program authorized by New York State that allows participants to reap the benefits of solar-generated electricity without having to install panels on their property; and

WHEREAS, Opt-Out CDG is a tool for local governments to offer residents and businesses access to clean energy by automatically enrolling them in CDG or “community solar” projects through the state’s Community Choice Aggregation (“CCA”) policy; and

WHEREAS, Opt-Out CDG is expected to result in a guaranteed savings of up to 10 percent on the eligible electricity costs of virtually all homes and small businesses in the City; and

WHEREAS, Opt-Out CDG has been designed to prioritize enrollment of low-income households, helping to cut electricity costs; and

WHEREAS, Opt-Out CDG is supported by the NYS Climate Action Council Scoping Plan, the State’s 10 Gigawatt Distributed Solar Roadmap, Clean Energy Communities, and Climate Smart Communities, and directly contributes to the State’s nation-leading clean energy goals; and

WHEREAS, Opt-Out CDG was first approved in New York State in 2018 by the Public Service Commission (“PSC”), but was paused in 2021 and was recently cited to be studied for alternatives by the PSC, further delaying the roll out of Opt-Out CDG; and

WHEREAS, the delay in the approval and implementation of Opt-Out CDG is slowing progress on critical State and local clean energy goals and resulting in lost guaranteed energy savings, especially for Disadvantaged Communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Beacon City Council hereby urges the New York State Public Service Commission to approve and implement Opt-Out CDG in New York State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby commits to actively support and participate in the Opt-Out CDG Coalition, including by authorizing the City Administrator to sign letters of support and other related documents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is hereby directed to send a certified copy of this resolution to Michelle L. Phillips, Secretary to the Commission.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Not 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				