

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
AGGREGATION 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 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 98 cities and towns have received approval from the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU) to implement Community Choice Aggregation 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 Aggregation 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 Aggregation agreement in June 2015 that offers residents and businesses a standard electric plan with 50% of energy coming from renewable sources; *and,*
- WHEREAS:* Community Choice Aggregation 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 Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) suggests that independent research be conducted and guidance sought from experts to grasp the feasibility of Community Choice Aggregation in a community; *NOW,*

THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:
That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to explore the implementation of a Community Choice Aggregation Program for Boston, and that representatives from the Environment, Energy, and Open Space Cabinet and other interested parties and members of the public be invited to testify.

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