

Resolve to Plan for a Transition to 100% Clean, Renewable Energy

September 25, 2019







Recommendation

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Overview

- Earlier this year, Council received petitions from the Climate Reality Group and the Orange-Chatham Group of Sierra Club
- The petitions advocate for 100% clean, renewable energy community-wide, by 2050

Key Issues

- Achieving our goals will require support, investment and action from all levels of government and industry
- Town operations are 2% of Chapel Hill's total emissions and we have limited authority to affect the other 98%
- Climate justice: equity, affordability and access

Fiscal Impacts

- Near-term costs to the Town will be outlined as part of the Climate Action and Response Plan
- To reach carbon neutrality community-wide, additional costs will be borne by the Town, the University, the residents, local organizations and the business community

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