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 Agenda Item

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Topic: Ready For 100

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**From:** Eggers, Dave

**Sent:** Monday, November 8, 2021 3:46 PM

**To:** Burton, Barry; Justice, Charlie; Long, Janet C; Peters, Kathleen; Seel, Karen; Gerard, Pat; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Hodde, Hank

**Subject:** Ready for 100 Program comments

I have some thoughts that I would like us to consider tomorrow in adding to the Ready for 100 Resolution. **Of course please do not respond back today or before the meeting tomorrow.** I know there will be some discussion and hope to make sure that whatever aspirational resolution we pass, that it has at least recognition of challenges/reality going forward.

3. In section 3 the County Commission could make it our goal but not a "policy" for our residents.

9. Add... "The Board recognizes that all countries (including China and Russia) must be included for significant improvements to be realized; and further recognizes that many communities will be negatively affected as energy types transition away from coal, oil and gas and thus should be made eligible for generational job creation and community revitalization; and further recognizes that any energy transition be accompanied by understanding that both access to low cost energy and preservation of national security be maintained."

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Thanks,

Dave

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*OK*

*Empathy  
Realistic ~~issues~~  
acknowledgment  
of  
challenges*



November 4, 2021

Board of Pinellas County Commissioners  
315 Court St # 501  
Clearwater, FL 33756

Dear Board of Pinellas County Commissioners,

Committing to a clean energy future starts today. As a Ready For 100 city, Dunedin commends the sustainable actions Pinellas County has made and supports the decision to become a **Ready For 100 county**.

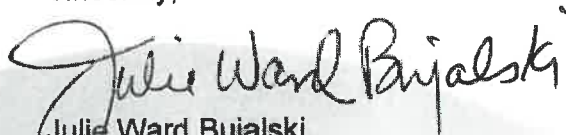
Combating the climate crisis is a fight that must be done together. As the Tampa Bay region is one of the most vulnerable areas impacted by climate change and sea-level rise, it is in our communities' best interest to tackle these issues with a regional approach. The City of Dunedin anticipates the additional support and momentum that will arise when Pinellas County joins Ready For 100.

While many may view sustainability as an additional checkbox to cross off, goals like those embodied in Ready for 100 flip the script on that narrative. Our society and economy are dependent on the state of our environment; therefore, protecting and enhancing our environment is the first step in a government's role to uphold a safe and prosperous community.

Clean energy goals move communities from discussion to action and further drive efforts to address equity, conservation of natural resources, and economic prosperity.

On behalf of the City of Dunedin, please consider this letter of support for the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners to adopt the Ready For 100 resolution.

Sincerely,

  
Julie Ward Bujalski  
Mayor



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RE: Support For Pinellas County Adoption of Ready for 100

Members of the Board of County Commissioners,

The City of Largo strongly supports the adoption of the Sierra Club's Ready for 100 percent renewable energy campaign by Pinellas County in order to ensure a more sustainable future for our shared communities.

Largo similarly adopted this campaign in July 2018 as part of City Resolution No. 2219, specifically adopting an organizational target of powering the City with 100 percent renewable, zero emission energy sources no later than 2035, with a target of being at least 50 percent renewable, zero emission energy sources by 2030. Additionally, through this Resolution, the City adopted a commitment to support the transition of our community to 100 percent renewable, zero emission energy sources, by 2050.

Since its adoption, the Ready for 100 commitment has helped the City to achieve numerous goals across a number of key areas. First, the cities committed to this goal met to discuss their shared objectives. This group would eventually go on to become the Pinellas Sustainability Directors Network. Numerous other networking and capacity building relationships have been created due to this commitment since that time.

This commitment has also helped the City to align numerous other internal projects to ensure maximum return on investment across functional areas. This includes our commitment to a 100 percent alternative fuel, light-duty fleet, and planning process to support all Largo facilities to install renewable energy by 2035.

Largo has also created standards for new facilities to ensure alignment with Ready for 100, including a commitment to maximizing renewable energy on all future buildings. Currently, Largo has one major solar installation at the LEED Platinum-certified Community Center. Future planned installations over the next several years include:

- Fire Station 38
- Fire Station 39
- Fire Station 42



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- Parks Administration Building
- Bayhead Action Park
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Operations Building
- Largo City Hall Complex (a nearly 1MW solar installation)

The City of Largo seeks a healthy, sustainable future for its residents, businesses, workers, and visitors with less pollution and more economic and employment opportunities. The Ready for 100 commitment ensures we are working towards this future vision and will improve air and water quality and protect public health, particularly for the most vulnerable across our community.

The City of Largo is pleased to support Pinellas County in their adoption of Ready for 100. For any questions regarding its implementation, please contact Largo's Sustainability Administrator, Laura Thomas, at [sustainability@largo.com](mailto:sustainability@largo.com).

Sincerely,

Woody Brown, Mayor  
City of Largo



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On agenda: 11/9/2021 Final action:

Title: Resolution to join the Ready for 100 Program and establish clean energy targets.

Attachments: 1. [Pinellas County Resolution 100CleanEnergy](#)[History \(1\)](#)[Text](#)**Subject:**

Title

Resolution to join the Ready for 100 Program and establish clean energy targets.

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**Recommended Action:**

Recommended Action

Approval of the resolution to join the Sierra Club's Ready for 100 campaign and establish clean energy targets.

- Resolution directs the County to meet certain clean energy targets and utilize renewable, zero-emission, clean energy consumption by the following years: 50% for County operations by 2030; 100% for county operations by 2040; and, 100% countywide by 2050.
- County Departments are directed to incorporate the clean energy targets into their planning processes, take policy and practice measures to reach the goals, including forming and maintaining partnerships.
- The clean energy targets will be incorporated into the Sustainability and Resiliency Action Plan, and progress will be reported to the Board every two years.
- Nine states, fourteen counties, and 180 cities, including Dunedin, Largo, Safety Harbor, and St. Petersburg have joined Ready for 100.
- The Sustainability and Resiliency Program will oversee administration of this initiative.

Authorize the Clerk of the Circuit Court to record this Resolution in the public records of Pinellas County.

Body

**Strategic Plan:**

Practice Superior Environmental Stewardship

3.1 Implement green technologies and practices where possible

3.3 Protect and improve the quality of our water, air, and other natural resources

3.5 Foster a sustainable and resilient community that is prepared for sea level rise and a changing climate

Foster Continual Economic Growth and Vitality

4.4 Invest in infrastructure to meet current and future needs

**Summary:**

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The Sierra Club's Ready for 100 campaign advocates for an equitable and affordable energy system powered by 100% clean, renewable energy by 2050. More than 180 communities in the U.S. have committed to the campaign and are transitioning to renewable sources of energy, such as, but not limited to, solar, wind, and geothermal energy. This resolution will commit the County to join the campaign and establish clean, renewable energy targets for the years 2030, 2040, and 2050. The initiative will be incorporated into the Sustainability and Resiliency Action Plan, and progress will be reported on every two years.

Body

**Background Information:**

The Ready for 100 percent renewable energy campaign, sponsored by the Sierra Club, recognizes a local government's role in establishing goals and transitioning the community to a 100% clean, renewable energy to help ensure a sustainable future where its residents and natural environment can thrive. Commitment to Ready for 100 allows Pinellas County to join nearly 200 other

communities across the country that have pledged, including several local communities, such as Dunedin, Largo, Safety Harbor, St. Petersburg, and Tampa. Powering the community with clean and renewable energy can create jobs, provide for a resilient power grid, and ensure residents have access to clean, affordable power.

Pinellas County will incorporate the 100% renewable energy goals into the Sustainability and Resiliency Action Plan including actionable steps and financial strategies to meet the new clean energy targets. Additionally, the targets will be incorporated within departmental strategic and master plans, and staff are directed to update any policies and/or practices necessary to meet the new targets.

This initiative builds on previous Pinellas County actions, including adopting the Pinellas County BOCC Sustainability Resolution (06-206), establishing Administrative Directive 6-11 (Energy and Water Conservation), setting Comprehensive Plan goals related to sustainability and resiliency, and subscribing to Duke Energy Florida's Clean Energy Connection Program.

**Fiscal Impact:**

A staff analysis will be conducted to identify future applications and investments in energy efficiency and/or renewable energy technologies that maximize cost reductions and provide a return on investment.

**Staff Member Responsible:**

Hank Hodde, Sustainability and Resiliency Program Coordinator, County Administration

**Partners:**

Suncoast Sierra Club

**Attachments:**

Proposed Resolution 21-

RESOLUTION NO. 21 – \_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, TARGETING A TRANSITION TO 100% RENEWABLE, ZERO-EMISSION, CLEAN ENERGY FOR COUNTY OPERATIONS BY 2040 AND COUNTYWIDE BY 2050; DECLARING AN INTENTION TO FORM PARTNERSHIPS TO REACH THESE CLEAN ENERGY GOALS; DIRECTING COUNTY STAFF TO TAKE MEASURES TO REACH THESE CLEAN ENERGY GOALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Government's 2018 Fourth National Climate Assessment issued dire warnings of the threat of climate change to infrastructure, ecosystems, economies, and social systems that provide essential benefits to communities;

**WHEREAS**, the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (UN IPCC), the international community's most respected assemblage of scientists, has concluded that human-induced climate change is affecting life-sustaining systems across the globe, leading to accelerating sea-level rise, with cascading effects for ecosystems and human security;

**WHEREAS**, in a 2018 Special Report, the UN IPCC specified global goals of reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 45% by 2030 and to net zero emissions by 2050 in order to prevent the growing threat of abrupt and irreversible climate change;

**WHEREAS**, Pinellas County (the "County") is a coastal community on the front lines of the environmental, economic, and public health impacts of climate change, as seen in the form of sea-level rise, storm surge, and rising temperatures;

**WHEREAS**, the cost of renewable, zero-emission, "clean" energy ("Clean Energy"), including but not limited to energy derived from wind, solar, geothermal, and wave technology sources, has fallen dramatically over the past decade-plus and is now less than that for fossil fuels;

**WHEREAS**, the transition to Clean Energy represents an enormous economic opportunity for the County to save taxpayers money, create jobs in emerging industries, and expand prosperity for residents, as well as provide actions to improve air and water quality and protect public health;

**WHEREAS**, the County's Comprehensive Plan Natural Resource Conservation and Management Element calls for the County to be a leader in environmental stewardship and



sustainable practices, including the utilization of energy efficiency and sustainable design and operations;

**WHEREAS**, Objective 3.1 of the County Strategic Plan calls for implementing green technologies and practices where practical;

**WHEREAS**, Objective 3.3 of the County Strategic Plan calls for protecting and improving the quality of water, air, and other natural resources;

**WHEREAS**, Objective 3.5 of the County Strategic Plan calls for a sustainable and resilient community that is prepared for sea-level rise and a changing climate;

**WHEREAS**, Objective 4.4 of the County Strategic Plan calls for investing in infrastructure to meet current and future needs;

**WHEREAS**, the County is developing a Sustainability and Resiliency Action Plan to promote organizational and community-based sustainability and resiliency activities and programming in alignment with the County's Strategic Plan, structure, operations, and services;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioner's (the "Board") Energy and Water Management Policy (Administrative Directive 06-11) sets goals for the County to reduce its electric consumption;

**WHEREAS**, the County is a founding member of the Tampa Bay Regional Resiliency Coalition and an active participant in its Clean Energy Workgroup, which strives to achieve regional carbon reduction objectives through local government clean energy initiatives;

**WHEREAS**, the County has been certified by the Florida Green Building Coalition as a "green" local government that implements and maintains sustainable practices in its daily government operations;

**WHEREAS**, the County has been certified by the U.S. Green Building Council as a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified community according to its nationally accredited framework and benchmarking;

**WHEREAS**, the County has enrolled in the Duke Energy Florida Clean Energy Connection Program, whereby it will procure 27,542 KW blocks of solar energy per year, starting in 2022;

**WHEREAS**, in 2015, the Sierra Club launched the "Ready for 100" Program, which promotes 100% Clean Energy in the United States by 2050;

**WHEREAS**, nine states, fourteen counties, and 180 cities, including Dunedin, Largo, Safety Harbor, and St. Petersburg, have joined the Ready for 100 Program;

**WHEREAS**, five counties and forty-six cities have already achieved the (100% Clean Energy) goals of the Ready for 100 Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board also wishes to support a Clean Energy future and join the Ready for 100 Program.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT:**

SECTION 1. The recitals above are incorporated herein.

SECTION 2. It is the goal and policy of the Board that 100% of all electricity consumed in county operations be Clean Energy by 2040, and that at least 50% of such electricity be Clean Energy by 2030.

SECTION 3. It is further the goal and ~~policy~~ of the Board that 100% of all electricity consumed countywide be Clean Energy by 2050.

SECTION 4. It is further the goal and policy of the Board to partner with other local governments, private organizations, and individuals to reach the Clean Energy targets set forth in Sections 2 and 3 above (the "Clean Energy Targets").

SECTION 5. The Board directs all departments to incorporate the Clean Energy Targets into their respective planning processes. To that end, departments must update any policy or processes necessary to meet the Clean Energy Targets.

SECTION 6. The Board directs all departments to work with residents, businesses, utility partners, and community stakeholders to identify a collaborative approach for achieving the Clean Energy Targets and set meaningful benchmarks and milestones between the Clean Energy Target Years (2030, 2040, 2050).

SECTION 7. The Board directs the Sustainability and Resiliency Coordinator to incorporate the Clean Energy Targets into the Sustainability and Resiliency Action Plan. The Board further directs the Sustainability and Resiliency Coordinator to update the Board every two years on progress towards achieving the Clean Energy Targets, beginning in Fiscal Year 2022.

SECTION 8. The Board recognizes that the health and wellbeing of frontline communities have suffered disproportionately from pollution resulting from fossil fuel generation and distribution. Accordingly, the Board directs all departments to build inclusive community leadership and policy engagement; promote equity in accessing energy efficiency improvements; generate sustainable economic opportunities and mitigate related losses; and provide regional leadership to address equity in climate, energy, and related public health issues.

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SECTION 9. This Resolution is effective immediately upon adoption.

Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ offered the foregoing Resolution and moved its adoption, which was forwarded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_. Upon roll call the votes was:

AYES:

NAYS:

Absent and not Voting:

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**  
By: Brendan Mackesey  
Office of the County Attorney