

## **COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF THE COMMUNITY ENERGY PLAN AND THE TRANSITION TO RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY BY 2035**

Whereas the Arlington Forest Citizens Association supports the Arlington County Community Energy Plan's goal to sharply reduce greenhouse gas emissions from all sectors by more than 75% by 2050;<sup>1</sup>

Whereas meeting Arlington's Community Energy Plan goal will require a substantial transition to renewable energy in all sectors of the County;

Whereas electricity accounts for approximately two-thirds of energy use in Arlington;<sup>2</sup>

Whereas renewable electricity costs in Arlington have fallen sharply, and are now competitive in cost with fossil fuel-based electricity for many homeowners, businesses, and County government facilities;<sup>3</sup>

Whereas renewable electricity costs are expected to continue to fall for the foreseeable future,<sup>4</sup> while the cost of fossil fuel-based electricity is expected to rise; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved* that:

1. The Arlington County Citizens Association supports the transition to 100% renewable electricity in Arlington by 2035;
2. Encourages the County Board and all Arlingtonians to do their part to plan for and achieve this important goal;
3. Encourages the Arlington County Civic Federation to pass a resolution in support of this goal and to take other appropriate action on this issue over time.

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<sup>1</sup> Arlington County Community Energy Plan, <https://environment.arlingtonva.us/energy/community-energy-plan-cep/>

<sup>2</sup> Arlington County Community Energy Plan, *supra*, p. 6.

<sup>3</sup> Deutsche Bank Securities, Inc., *Solar Grid Parity in a Low Oil Price Era*, February 2015, available online at [https://db.com/cr/en/docs/solar\\_report\\_full\\_length.pdf](https://db.com/cr/en/docs/solar_report_full_length.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> Bloomberg News, "Wind and Solar are Crushing Fossil Fuels," April 6, 2016, available online at <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2016-04-06/wind-and-solar-are-crushing-fossil-fuels>