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To: Lopez, Donna; City Council
Subject: Support Policy Order #18

Dear City Councillors,

Recently I switched my electricity to renewable sources through Mothers Out Front. This requires that I pay a bit more each month, but I believe it's worth it. As a mother and a grandmother I am concerned about what the future holds for my children and my granddaughter. Climate change is accelerating, and it is time for all of us to take action to break our dependence on fossil fuels and to embrace alternative sources of energy.

I also believe that switching to renewable energy sources is the morally right thing to do. Here's why. Developed nations, including the United States, cause 76% of the CO2 emissions claimed to be responsible for climate change. Yet those who will suffer the most from the damages - drought, heat waves, severe weather events, disease, malnutrition, - are those living in poverty in the developing nations. There is something terribly wrong here!

We live in the richest nation on earth. We can afford to take steps to address climate change. We have a moral obligation to take those steps. And now, with Policy Order #18, we have the leadership that climate change demands. Policy Order #18, proposed by Dennis Carlone, requires that the City Manager not renew the contract with TransCanada for electricity for municipal buildings and instead pursue a contract with a supplier that offers 100% renewable electricity. I support this proposal 100%. For the sake of our own children and all children, I urge you to support it too. I also call on you to switch your own home to clean energy with Mothers Out Front (<http://www.mothersoutfront.org>). It can be done online or with a simple phone call.

Thank you for giving Policy Order #18 the serious consideration it deserves,

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