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

Dear City Councilors,

My name is Sue Stafford. I am a resident of Cambridge, a mother, and a grandmother. I am also a member of Mothers Out Front: Mobilizing for a Livable Climate.

I have just learned that there will be a Special Regular Meeting tomorrow during which Policy Order #18 will be discussed. As I am out of town and cannot attend the meeting, I am writing to urge the passage of this Policy Order. 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.

Ending the contract with TransCanada is taking a moral stand against the dirtiest most toxic and inefficient fossil fuels - Tarsands - which if it is extracted much further is 'game over' for the planet. 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, and we can do something about it.

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. Asking the City Manager investigate alternatives with 100% renewables and to report back to the city council is a straightforward request. When the City Manager reports back, that is the point that there will be further discussion about alternatives for the new contract.

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>).

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

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