



**CITY OF BEACON
CITY COUNCIL**

RESOLUTION NO. 124 OF 2015

**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE CREATION OF A COMMUNITY
CHOICE AGGREGATION PROGRAM IN THE HUDSON VALLEY**

WHEREAS, The New York State Public Service Commission issued a Policy Statement on August 25, 2004 that outlined the Commission's vision of the electric and gas retail markets; and

WHEREAS, in that statement the Commission stated “the provision of safe, adequate, and reliable gas and electric service at just and reasonable prices is the primary goal. Competitive markets, where feasible, are the preferred means of promoting efficient services, and are well suited to deliver just and reasonable prices, while also providing customers with the benefit of greater choice, value, and innovation.”; and

WHEREAS, Only 22.7% of New York State residents have taken advantage of the opportunity to choose electricity or gas suppliers, other than franchised utilities; and

WHEREAS, Community Choice Aggregation (CCA), also known as Municipal Electric Aggregation, in other states, such as Illinois, Ohio and Massachusetts, allow municipalities to aggregate the energy purchases of residents and small businesses and are currently serving more than ten million people and have saved these consumers more than \$500 million to date; and

WHEREAS, In CCA municipalities, as many as 77% of residential consumers are now being served competitively, as of 2011; and

WHEREAS, A modest savings on electricity supply costs could save businesses and residents millions per year; and

WHEREAS, A CCA can facilitate price stability, renewable energy development, community input on energy infrastructure, and grow local economies; and

WHEREAS, The City of Beacon wants its residents and businesses to have the opportunity to save on energy purchases and increase the use of renewable energy, as have residents and businesses in CCA states; and

WHEREAS, A CCA program in New York will still compensate franchised utilities for their provision of supply and for their maintenance of reliability, allowing utilities to concentrate on a resilient infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Any individual consumer is free to choose to “opt-out” of CCA offerings and purchase through the franchised utility; and

WHEREAS, In order to create a Community Choice Aggregation program for New York State’s municipalities, the New York State Public Service Commission has to approve the creation of any new CCA district; and

WHEREAS, The franchise utility retains its obligation to provide Service of Last Resort offerings, in the event a CCA supplier does not perform; and

WHEREAS, No customer who is currently purchasing energy from a free market supplier will be switched in the absence of that customer’s active request to switch; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The City of Beacon supports the further exploration to create a new CCA district being undertaken by the Renewable Highlands project.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Amendments		<input type="checkbox"/> On roll call				<input type="checkbox"/> 2/3 Required	
<input type="checkbox"/> Not on roll call.						<input type="checkbox"/> 3/4 Required	
Motion	Second	Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Reason	Absent
	x	Muhammad, Ali	x				
		Kelly, Charles P.	x				
		Kyriacou, Lee					x
		Mansfield, George	x				
		Wetherbee, Pam	x				
x		Ross, Peggy	x				
		Mayor Randy J. Casale	x				
		Motion Carried	x				