

# INITIATIVE PETITION

Columbus City Charter Sections 42 and 43, Ohio Revised Code Sections 3501.38, 3503.06

**NOTE: Prior to circulation of an initiative petition, a certified copy of the petition must be filed with the City Clerk.**

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**To the City Clerk of the city of Columbus, Ohio:**

We, the undersigned, electors of the city of Columbus, Ohio respectfully request that the ordinance proposed herein, which shall be an emergency measure, be adopted by the Council or submitted to a vote of the electors of this city for their approval or rejection at the next regular municipal election to be held not less than 60 days nor more than 120 days thereafter;

The following is a full and correct copy of the title and text of the proposed Ordinance:

**To authorize and direct the City Auditor to establish** an Energy Conservation and Energy Efficiency Fund and a Clean Energy Education and Training Fund and to take the necessary actions to transfer \$10,000,000 from the general fund of the City of Columbus to each of these funds for a total of \$20,000,000 for the appropriate purposes; and to authorize and direct the City Auditor to take the necessary actions to transfer \$30,000,000 from the general fund of the City of Columbus for the purpose of funding a minority business development program; to establish a Minority Business Enterprise Clean Energy Development Fund; to establish a Columbus Clean Energy Partnership Fund; and to authorize and direct the City Auditor to take the necessary actions to transfer of \$57,000,000 from the general fund of the City of Columbus for the purpose of funding an electricity subsidy program for residents of the City of Columbus; to establish a transparency and accountability reporting requirement for the City Auditor for all uses of funds in section 1,2,3, and 4; to declare this Ordinance to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:**

**SECTION 1.** That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to establish an Energy Conservation and Energy Efficiency Fund and to transfer \$10,000,000 (Ten million dollars) from the general fund of the City of Columbus to the Energy Conservation and Energy Efficiency Fund. The purpose of the Energy Conservation and Energy Efficiency Fund is to promote and fund energy conservation and energy efficiency initiatives in the City of Columbus. City Council shall, by appropriate ordinance, provide for the use of the funds of the Energy Conservation and Energy Efficiency Fund, which shall be used for the purpose stated in this section and for no other purpose whatsoever.

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**SECTION 2.** That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to establish a Clean Energy Education and Training Fund and to transfer \$10,000,000 (Ten million dollars) from the general fund of the City of Columbus to the Clean Energy Education and Training Fund. The purpose of the Clean Energy Education and Training Fund is to promote and fund clean energy education and training initiatives in the City of Columbus. City Council shall, by appropriate ordinance, provide for the use of the funds of the Clean Energy Education and Training Fund, which shall be used for the purpose stated in this section and for no other purpose whatsoever.

**SECTION 3.** That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to establish a Minority Business Enterprise Clean Energy Development Fund and to transfer \$30,000,000 (Thirty million dollars) from the general fund of the City of Columbus to the Minority Business Enterprise Clean Energy Development Fund, and funds from which are to be transferred by the City Auditor upon request from an official representative of the majority of the committee of petitioners filing this petition to a designated entity, which may include the Ohio Energy Initiative Commission, 4499 Easton Way, Columbus, OH 43219, or any other entity designated by the official representative of the majority of the committee of petitioners filing this petition, the designated entity of which will dispense, within a period of one year after complete receipt of all funds to be transferred in this section, all \$30,000,000 (Thirty million dollars) to verifiable minority-owned businesses within the City of Columbus and which businesses apply for development funds. The purpose of the Minority Business Enterprise Clean Energy Development Fund is to promote, develop, and fund minority clean energy business enterprise in the City of Columbus.

**SECTION 4.** That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to establish a Columbus Clean Energy Partnership Fund and to transfer \$57,000,000 (Fifty-seven million dollars) from the general fund of the City of Columbus to the entity designated by the official representative of the majority of the committee of petitioners filing this petition, which may include the New York Green Bank, 1359 Broadway, 19th Floor, New York, NY 10018-7842 or the Ohio Energy Initiative Commission, 4499 Easton Way, Columbus, OH 43219, or any other entity designated by the official representative of the majority of the committee of petitioners filing this petition, the designated entity of which will dispense, within a period of one year after complete receipt of all funds to be transferred in this section, all \$57,000,000 (Fifty-seven million dollars) in the form of subsidies to electricity customers who reside in Columbus and apply to obtain said subsidies. The City Auditor, in consultation with the City Attorney, is hereby directed to negotiate and enter into an

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agreement, subject to the approval of City Council, with the entity designated by the official representative of the majority of the committee of petitioners filing this petition to provide for the use and management of the funds from the Columbus Clean Energy Partnership Fund, the terms of which shall be commercially reasonable in all respects and shall further the purpose of reducing the cost of electricity for Columbus electricity customers with a subsidy to purchase electricity from only wind, solar, fuel cell, geothermal, or hydro power producers.

**SECTION 5.** That the Director of Public Utilities is hereby authorized and directed to determine uniform monthly subsidies and to use funds from the Columbus Clean Energy Partnership Fund to distribute said subsidies to Columbus electricity customers; that the Director of Public Utilities is hereby authorized to use a portion of the funds from the Columbus Clean Energy Partnership Fund to pay for the administration and cost for distribution of the aforementioned subsidies in this section. The purpose of the Columbus Clean Energy Partnership Fund is to reduce the cost of electricity for Columbus electricity customers with subsidies from the Columbus Clean Energy Partnership Fund.

**SECTION 6.** That it is in the best interest of the City of Columbus to comply with the competitive bidding provisions of Columbus City Code Chapter 329 for the allocation of funds from the aforementioned in sections 1 and 2; and that the competitive bidding for the management of any funds from the aforementioned in sections 1 and 2 be restricted to businesses or organizations located within the corporate limits of the City of Columbus.

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**SECTION 7.** That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated, and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

**SECTION 8.** That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this ordinance.

**SECTION 9.** That the City Auditor is directed to publish a Quarterly Transparency and Accountability Report of the uses of all funds from the expenditures of this ordinance until all funds have been exhausted.

**SECTION 10.** That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to transfer any portion balance of the funds mentioned in sections 1 and 2 for the purposes mentioned in those sections, to any appropriate project account, upon request of the Council of the City of Columbus.

Upon on the next meeting of City Council following the passage of this ordinance, that the City Council is directed to make the necessary appropriations to fund the funds mentioned in section 1 and 2.

**SECTION 11.** That this Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after is passage.

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We hereby designate the following petitioners as a committee to be regarded as filing this petition.

COMMITTEE OF NOT LESS THAN FIVE PETITIONERS	ADDRESS
Christina L. Gonzaga	945 Lynbrook Road, Columbus Ohio 43235
Tyrone Spence	4199 Wilton Pl, Columbus Ohio 43227
Udell Hollins	3032 Melville Street, Columbus Ohio 43219
Dolores A. Williams	1515 Franklin Park, Apartment F4, Columbus Ohio 43205
Irene Gil Llamas	91 Hamilton Park, Columbus Ohio 43203
Jabarisidiki Gregg	23 S Monroe Ave, Apartment 5, Columbus Ohio 43205
Cyera S. Black	3262 Penfield Rd., Columbus Ohio 43227

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**Signatures on this petition must be from only one county and must be written in ink.**

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**CIRCULATOR STATEMENT – Must be completed and signed by circulator.**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, declare under penalty of election falsification that I  
 (Printed Name of Circulator)  
 reside at the address appearing below my signature; that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition  
 containing \_\_\_\_\_ signatures; that I witnessed the affixing of every signature; that all signers were to  
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the best of my knowledge and belief qualified to sign; and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code. I am provided or promised moneys or things of value to circulate this petition by ProEnergy Ohio LLC, 20 S 3<sup>rd</sup> St Suite 210, Columbus OH 43215(Name and address of employer).

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 (City or Village, State and Zip Code)