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Resolution

Title:

Call on Governor of State of Illinois and General Assembly
for support and passage of Clean Energy Jobs Act

Committee(s) Assignment:

Committee on Environmental Protection and Energy

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Renewable energy comes from natural, inexhaustible, and safe sources that diminish reliance on fossil fuels and reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, Renewable energy provides substantial benefits for our climate, public health, and economy and is the way of the future; and

WHEREAS, In 2016, The State of Illinois passed The Future Energy Jobs Act (FEJA) allowing the creation of and investment into an equitable and just transition for a renewable energy future; and

WHEREAS, FEJA stimulated job creation, training, and clean and renewable energy markets, attracting investment and new companies to the State, while preserving Illinois' low energy rates for residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, There are nearly 90,000 energy efficiency jobs in Illinois; and over 120,000 clean energy jobs in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has ordered changes to electricity capacity markets that will require Illinois consumers to pay an estimated \$864 million a year in higher electric bills; and

WHEREAS, In the spring of 2019, The Clean Energy Jobs Act (CEJA), SB2132/HB3624 was introduced and aims to put Illinois on the path to 100% renewable energy, while growing the clean energy economy in a way that expands equitable access to public health, safety, a cleaner environment, and quality jobs and economic opportunities; and

WHEREAS, CEJA includes a plan to responsibly phase out coal, support communities and workers affected by the decline of coal, and transition to 100% renewable energy by 2050; and

WHEREAS, CEJA is expected to save the State a potential \$700 million per year from gas energy efficiency, generate \$13 billion net benefits from 2020-2035, and create more than \$30 billion in new investments; and

WHEREAS, CEJA reforms capacity markets in a way that creates significant savings for Illinois consumers and avoids the purchase of unnecessary fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, CEJA will lead to healthier communities by improving air and water quality through expanding access to clean energy careers, building wealth in disadvantaged communities, and ensuring new opportunities to continue building a new clean energy economy; and

WHEREAS, Strong climate and clean energy policies at every level of government are essential to avoiding the worst impacts of climate change; and

WHEREAS, The City of Chicago recognizes its responsibility as a global city to fight the Climate Crisis and build equity in communities that have been traditionally excluded from the energy field and marketplace; and

WHEREAS, In 2019, the City of Chicago passed a resolution that established the City's 100% renewable energy goals for an equitable renewable energy transition; and

WHEREAS, That resolution declared all buildings in the City of Chicago will run on renewable energy by 2035, and the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) will electrify the entire bus fleet by 2040; and

WHEREAS, The City's commitment to a renewable energy transition will stimulate the manufacturing, construction, operations, and procurement sectors of the local economy by creating safe, clean jobs in the renewable energy industry; and

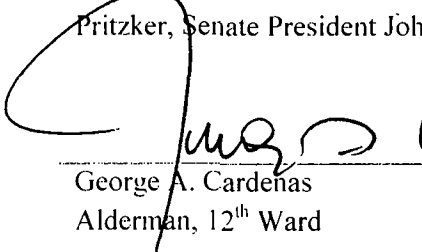
WHEREAS, Passing the Clean Energy Jobs Act to further expand the City's renewable energy use and initiatives is critical; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this sixteenth day of October 2019, support the passage and implementation of the Clean Energy Jobs Act, with an immediate focus to support statewide goals set by the State of Illinois:

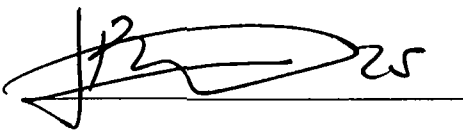
- 100% renewable energy by 2050, and
- shifting to a carbon-free power sector by 2030, and
- reducing gas and diesel vehicles from the transportation sector, and
- creating good-paying jobs and fostering economic opportunity for all of Illinois, and

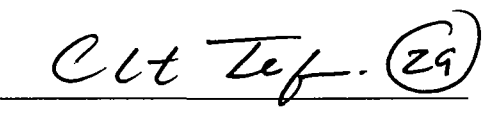
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we, the City Council of the City of Chicago, call on the Governor of the State of Illinois, and the General Assembly to pass the Clean Energy Jobs Act.

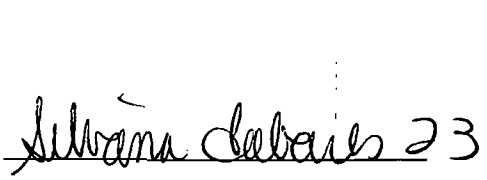
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to Governor J. B. Pritzker, Senate President John Cullerton, and House Speaker Michael Madigan.

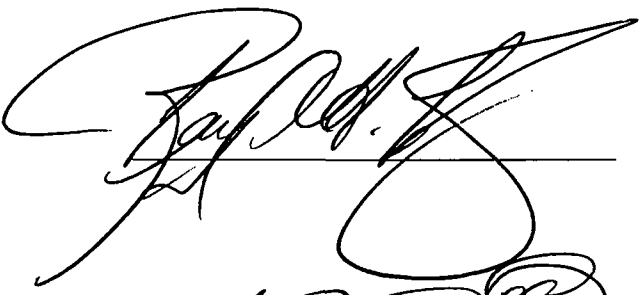

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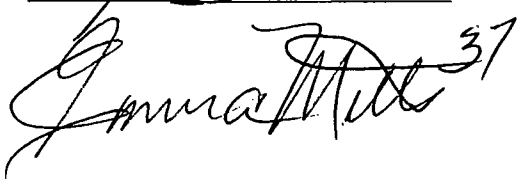

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