

3 PLAN FOR INCLUSIVE, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Fighting climate change and fighting for climate justice will secure our city and our planet for future generations.

100% Renewable Energy Commitment – To reduce the City’s carbon footprint and save taxpayer dollars over time, Boston should set an ambitious timeline for transitioning to 100% renewable energy. We can start by taking immediate steps to switch City Hall and other municipal buildings onto 100% renewable energy for electricity usage.

Community Choice Energy – We must work to quickly implement the recently passed order for community choice energy, the fastest way to significantly and seamlessly increase the consumption of renewable energy across the city.

Parking Requirements – To encourage active transportation and decrease fossil fuel emissions, the City should eliminate off-street parking minimums for new developments, establish maximum ratios, and unbundle parking from the cost of living units.

Meaningful Community Input – Community voices matter. The City’s development review process should ensure that community input in development plans is valued, and there should be complete transparency on any financial incentives given by the City.

No New Fossil-Fuel Infrastructure – To meet the City’s sustainability commitments, we need to forgo building new fossil-fuel infrastructure, such as natural gas pipelines and fossil-fuel power stations.

Net Zero Building Energy Codes – Boston should be the most energy-efficient city in the nation, with full enforcement of building energy reporting requirements and net zero development requirements.

Diminishing Urban Heat Islands – We must reduce the amount of heat trapped in Boston by exploring cool paving technologies, green and reflective roofs, and increased biomass.

City Trees – Increasing and maintaining Boston’s urban canopy reduces heat islands, improves neighborhood aesthetics, and reduces greenhouse gas emissions.

Curbside Composting – Boston residents and private companies should have the option to responsibly dispose of their organic waste.