

# Energy and Climate Change Task Force

## Charter

### Task Force Charge

The Energy and Climate Change Task Force is charged with providing guidance to the City's effort to update the Energy and Climate Change Action Plan as described in City Council approved [Resolution 2958](#).

### Mission

As part of the City's update of the Energy and Climate Action Plan (ECCAP), the Energy and Climate Change Task Force will provide City staff guidance:

- on the ECCAP's update consistent with the [Environmental Action Plan 2040 \(EAP2040\)](#)'s targets and goals;
- on an implementation roadmap for the ECCAP, including identifying and evaluating funding and budgeting strategies, specific implementation steps and approaches, and methods to measure and track progress against time-specific goals consistent with the EAP2040;
- on the inclusion of equity and economic development principles and actions in the ECCAP's recommendations;
- assist and support the City's ECCAP community engagement and climate change action outreach efforts; and,
- pledge to lead by example and utilize the City's household greenhouse gas inventory tool.

### Membership

The Energy and Climate Change Task Force seeks to represent a diverse Alexandria community, and aims to include those have an interest in learning and applying proven energy and climate change action solutions on behalf of their respective communities:

- (1) One person designated by, but who need not be a member of, the Environmental Policy Commission,
- (1) One person representing an environmental, clean energy, or climate change action advocacy organization or interests,
- (3) Three persons who are residents of Alexandria at-large and whose representation reflects:
  - Different areas/neighborhoods of the City and interests of homeowners, condo or multi-family residents, and renters/tenants
  - Involvement in civic or community organizations or faith organizations

- Interests or expertise in relevant fields such as renewable energy, energy efficiency and energy conservation, climate change vulnerabilities, climate change adaptation, land use, energy/resource economics, community engagement, transportation, or finance,
- (2) Two persons representing diversity, racial and social equity, and inclusivity issues including those of Alexandria’s aging population,
- (2) Two persons representing Alexandria youth interests with specific priority of Alexandria high school students,
- (2) Two business representatives from the Alexandria business community which may include representation of a business membership organization, business owner, commercial building owner, or an institutional organization, with consideration of ensuring representing racial and social equity among these representatives,
- (1) One person representing the interest of leveraging climate change solutions to support the City’s economic development goals as well as support Alexandria’s COVID-19 pandemic economic recovery efforts,
- (1) One professional person representing clean energy and climate policy or technology interests.

## Meeting Timeline

The Energy and Climate Change Task Force will meet a minimum of five times between May 2021 and May 2022. In addition, the Task Force will support the City’s community engagement efforts, including two Community Engagement events.

## Guiding Principles

The Energy and Climate Change Task Force will follow these guiding principles:

- Provide a hospitable, welcoming, and inclusive environment to all Task Force members and the public.
- Provide time and space for all Task Force members to share ideas and perspectives.
- Respect and value differences of opinion and ideals.
- Be open to input and ideas and provide timely feedback.
- Create opportunities to bridge communities and neighborhoods.
- Contribute ideas and discussion to address community needs and concerns.