

Mayor David Bieter and City Leaders,

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We appreciate your leadership in making the City of Boise a lasting, innovative and vibrant community. The progress showcased in the 2015 Livability Report demonstrates the city's longstanding commitment to sustainability and climate protection as strategic priorities. Thank you.

Climate change demands bold and immediate action. Many cities across the country are rapidly transitioning to renewables by committing to derive all of their electricity from clean resources. 100% clean, renewable power is the new standard for a livable future. Boise can lead and ensure the continuation of our celebrated livability by joining these cities and committing to 100% clean, renewable, and affordable electricity by 2035.

We believe there are many benefits Boise will realize by setting a 100% clean electricity by 2035 goal:

- **Grow our economy.** The advanced energy sector is adding workers faster than the overall economy. A growing number of major companies are transitioning to 100% clean electricity. Setting a citywide goal would further Boise's leadership in advancing clean technologies and attract new high tech business.
- **Stabilize energy costs for citizens and businesses.** The cost of fossil fuel generation is facing uncertain but stringent regulations, prices are volatile and heading to new highs. Clean energy, meanwhile, grows more affordable and attainable every day.
- **Protect our quality of life.** Reducing Boise's carbon footprint is crucial to maintaining our environment and ensuring we continue to be one of the most livable cities in the country.
- **Improve public health.** Climate change and other fallout from fossil fuel energy generation are causing negative health impacts for our air quality in Boise. A clean energy economy will counter the rising health impacts and create a more resilient community.

You can build on your admirable track record of innovation and leadership by convening stakeholders to find the best path towards a 100% clean energy future. By setting this clear, ambitious, and achievable target of 100% clean, renewable energy you can provide citizens, businesses, and investors the certainty they need to work for a carbon-free future. Acting now will create jobs, improve our city air quality, and help lead the world into the vibrant low-carbon future.

We ask that the City of Boise plan for a 100% clean, renewable energy citywide.

Sincerely,

Community of Boise Faith Leaders

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