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Mayor Gilliam Announces Support for 100% Clean Energy Goal in Atlantic City

Atlantic City, New Jersey - Mayor Frank Gilliam today announced support for a goal of powering Atlantic City entirely with clean and renewable energy by 2050. Mayor Gilliam joins a growing coalition of *Mayors for 100% Clean Energy* who have similarly announced support for a goal of powering their communities with 100 percent renewable energy such as wind and solar.

“I am proud to support a vision of 100 percent clean and renewable energy for Atlantic City,” said Mayor Gilliam. “This transition will protect the health of our residents from pollution, create new jobs in the growing clean energy industry, and lower the burden of high energy costs placed on businesses and consumers.”

Mayors for 100% Clean Energy, an initiative of the Sierra Club, represents a growing number of mayors from across the country who have endorsed a community-wide goal of transitioning entirely to renewable energy.

The Gilliam Administration is working to make this goal a reality. The City is planning to develop a community solar project at Duck Island along the Expressway once the new regulations are in place. Also, an Energy Savings Improvement Program to make City buildings more energy efficient and add solar is being implemented.

Atlantic City has already taken many bold steps towards energy independence. The City has installed solar at its public works complex; deployed solar parking kiosks and trash containers; converted over 6,000 streetlights to LED technology; and is exploring feasibility of a microgrid to independently serve critical facilities.

Atlantic City also hosts New Jersey's only land-based wind farm; solar installations throughout the City including on the Convention Center, Wave Garage and Court House; and electric vehicle charging stations at the Borgata, Golden Nugget and Hard Rock Casino Hotels.

"Cities can help lead the transition away from dirty fuels to renewable energy, but it will require boldness and ambition to get it done. I'm proud to stand with my fellow *Mayors for 100% Clean Energy* to call for a transition to 100 percent clean and renewable energy in my community," stated Mayor Gilliam.

Nearly 200 mayors have endorsed the goal of 100 percent clean, renewable energy as part of *Mayors for 100% Clean Energy*. The goal is also consistent with the executive order signed by New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy directing the NJBPU to update the Energy Supply Master Plan to move the State to 100% clean energy by 2050.

"This is an important first step for our City, and I look forward to working with community leaders throughout the City to begin the work of realizing this goal," continued Mayor Gilliam.

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