



The City of New York

Queens Community Board 11

Serving the Communities of Auburndale, Bayside, Douglaston, Hollis Hills
Little Neck and Oakland Gardens

Eileen Miller Chairperson / **Joseph Marziliano** District Manager

Resolution: In Favor of Intro. 1252 and Intro. 1253.

Whereas, our planet, over the years, is experiencing increased levels of greenhouse gas emissions, including higher levels of carbon dioxide, that is having a negative impact on our atmosphere.

Whereas, there is substantial scientific evidence that these changes in our atmosphere are affecting our climate as evidenced by increased annual global temperatures, widespread increase in catastrophic flooding storms and also extreme droughts in other areas, which often leads to deadly wildfires.

Whereas, there are measures that can be taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and the effects of the changes to our climate, including reducing the use of fossil fuels, converting to renewable energy sources, and employing energy efficient practices.

Whereas, in the City of New York, 70% of the greenhouse gas emissions come from energy producing systems used primarily in large buildings throughout the five boroughs.

Whereas, Councilmember Costa Constantinides is sponsoring a bill in the NYC Council with 34 co-sponsors, Intro 1253, that would require owners of buildings larger than 25,000 square feet to install retrofits on their energy producing systems in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Whereas, most publicly-owned buildings would be required to install retrofits regardless of the size of the building under Intro. 1253.

Whereas, there is a companion bill, Intro 1252, being introduced at the NYC Council that would offer building owners affected by the retrofit bill, low interest, and in some cases no interest loans to complete a retrofit of their energy producing systems.

Whereas, the goal of Intro. 1253 is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the City of New York by 40% in 2030 and by 80% in 2050, and the latter goal matches the goal of the Paris Agreements.

Whereas, buildings that use renewable energy sources including solar, wind and geothermal are employing clean and sustainable sources of power generation in contrast to buildings that employ fossil fuel based sources.

Therefore, be it resolved:

- That Queens Community Board 11 supports of the passage of NYC Council Intro. 1253, and its companion bill, Intro. 1252, provided that provisions are made to mitigate the effects of present and future pass-along costs to co-op, condominium, and all rental residents and,
- That all other prudent measures be taken to assist and ensure that building owners can comply with the terms of this legislation and,
- That all building owners be encouraged to convert or upgrade their energy producing systems using renewable sources of energy, which will further reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The incentives for converting/upgrading could include rebates and real estate tax reductions and,
- That copies of this resolution be sent to Mayor Bill de Blasio, Public Advocate Jumaane Williams, Comptroller Scott Stringer, all local Queens elected officials and all NYC Community Boards.

Community Board 11, Queens adopted this resolution on April 1, 2019 with a vote of 33 members in favor and 3 members opposed.