



*Town of Mansfield*

*A Resolution of Interest in Community Choice Aggregation for Local Governments in the State of Connecticut*

Whereas a local energy model called Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) is a proven strategy to expand consumer choice, lower electric rates, and meet state and local environmental goals; and

Whereas CCA currently exists in eight states (CA, IL, OH, VA, RI, NJ, NY and MA) and is a mechanism by which local governments use aggregate buying power to procure electrical power for municipal, residential and commercial customers in their jurisdictions. and

Whereas CCA works in partnership with the utility, which continues to provide power delivery, grid maintenance, and consolidated customer billing; and

Whereas CCA currently serves millions of customers around the Country, and consistently exceeds utility performance in the areas of local choice, electric rates, renewable content and greenhouse gas reductions; and

Whereas the Connecticut Office of Consumer Counsel has condemned the behavior of some individual retail suppliers marketing to individuals and that CCA is an alternative that can protect consumer interests; and

Whereas the benefits of lower electric rates, energy efficiency programs, and economic development that can result from CCA are of particular value to low and moderate income ratepayers; and

Whereas HB 6241 and HB 7015, two CCA bills, were introduced in the Energy and Technology Committee during the 2019 session of the General Assembly and are expected to be reintroduced in 2020; and

Whereas CCA legislation would have no significant negative fiscal impacts on Connecticut or municipalities and provide significant local and regional economic development benefits; and

Whereas CCA also provides the opportunity to fund and implement a wide variety of local energy programs tailored to the needs of a community; and,

Whereas, CCA, if determined to be technically and financially feasible for Connecticut cities and towns, could provide substantial environmental and economic benefits to the residents and businesses in the Town of Mansfield, Tolland County;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of Mansfield that:

The Town of Mansfield indicates its interest in the potential for CCA in the State of Connecticut and would support the State's efforts in that regard.

The Town of Mansfield further indicates that state enabling legislation should at a minimum allow a CCA municipality or group of municipalities to do the following:

- Procure electricity on behalf of the CCA's residents, businesses, and municipal accounts;
- Automatically enroll residents and businesses that have not already chosen a third-party supplier, but with ample opportunities to opt out;
- Obtain all customer usage information from the utility that the CCA requires to fulfill its purposes;
- Administer all energy efficiency funds paid by customers located within their jurisdictional boundaries for purposes of promoting and funding local energy efficiency programs;
- Obtain funding and develop local renewable energy projects;

Adoption of this Resolution in no way obligates the Town of Mansfield to participate in CCA, unless it so chooses by adoption of ordinance if authorized by the State.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Mansfield to be affixed on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December in the year 2019.*

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Antonia Moran  
Mayor, Town of Mansfield