

# BRIGHT FUTURE

## ST. CHARLES CITY COUNCIL

### CALL TO ACTION

#### WE ASK CITY COUNCIL TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS

- 1** Why would St. Charles agree to a long-term commitment (to 2055), especially considering the rapidly evolving energy sector and potential future innovations and/or regulations? What is the financial benefit of a long-term commitment to St. Charles?
- 2** How does the contract align with St. Charles' sustainability goals and commitments to renewable energy? Is IMEA's pace of transition to more renewable and non-carbon generating resources aligned with municipal goals?
- 3** How will the cost of electricity provided under IMEA's contract compare to alternative sources over time? Can IMEA provide independently sourced projections or models showing potential savings or costs compared to other energy suppliers?
- 4** What are the terms and conditions if St. Charles decides to exit the contract before its expiration? What penalties or financial obligations would be incurred?
- 5** IMEA documents suggest that rates are projected to significantly decrease by roughly 25% when bonds are paid off in 2035. What risks are factored into these projections? What factors could negatively affect this projection?
- 6** Although St. Charles has a "voice" on the IMEA Board, how effective is this governance structure in ensuring that St. Charles' interests are adequately represented?
- 7** How does the IMEA contract address potential changes in federal and state regulations that might affect power generation, especially concerning environmental impacts and renewable energy mandates?
- 8** How flexible is the IMEA contract in adapting to technological advancements in energy production and management, which could offer more cost-effective or efficient solutions during the contract term?
- 9** Do IMEA's commitments to the coal-fired Prairie State and Trimble County power plants limit its ability to take advantage of technological advancements in energy production and management, which could lead to a more cost-effective energy source?
- 10** During the life of the proposed contract, Prairie State will wind down and then cease operations. What are the projected costs of winding down and cleaning up Prairie State, and what is the estimated amount of St. Charles' share of these costs?

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ST. CHARLES RESIDENTS & BUSINESSES

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### ACTION ITEM 1

Write to or meet with your City Council members and ask them to:

- Hire a consultant to advise Council on other energy provider options with cleaner, cost-effective energy supplies.
- Advise IMEA that St. Charles will not sign the IMEA early-renewal contract until IMEA runs a transparent energy planning process with public engagement that addresses how IMEA will change its heavily-polluting, coal-dominant energy portfolio.
- Support state legislation to require prudent energy planning of joint action agencies, municipal electric utilities, and electric cooperatives.

#### **Don't know who your City Council representatives are?**

Check out the map here:

[www.stcharlesil.gov/files/assets/city/v/1/docs/admin/ward-map-all-wards.pdf](http://www.stcharlesil.gov/files/assets/city/v/1/docs/admin/ward-map-all-wards.pdf)

Council Members for each Ward are here:

<https://www.stcharlesil.gov/Government/City-Council-and-Elected-Officials>

### ACTION ITEM 2

Attend City Council meetings and make a public comment on your concerns about the IMEA contract and what actions you want the City Council to take.

Council meeting calendar is here:

<https://www.stcharlesil.gov/Government/Meetings>

### ACTION ITEM 3

Vote on April 1, 2025, for mayor and city council candidates who align with your values.

For information on candidates and candidate forums, go here:

<https://lwwckcil.com/voter-services>

### ACTION ITEM 4



Stay informed!

Sign up to receive information or get involved through the QR code.