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ROBERT J. DOLAN
Mayor

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Dear Melrose Resident:

I would like to highlight our city's commitment to reduce energy costs both to the city and to our residents through the work of the Melrose Energy Commission. This Commission, now in its second year, has undertaken a wide variety of initiatives, including an Annual Energy Fair for the city's residents.

The Commission has also been focusing on increasing the use of clean, renewable energy in Melrose. To support these efforts, **I would like to urge the residents of Melrose to sign up for the Massachusetts Clean Energy Choice program.** This program allows you to support clean, renewable energy through payment of a small tax-deductible premium on your monthly electric bill. In addition, a portion of these funds is returned to the city for use in renewable energy and low-income energy projects. You can do something great for the environment, for our energy security, and for the city by taking the simple step of signing up for this program.

Participants can sign up at any time, but **I would particularly like to encourage you to sign up by March 31st.** If 150 residents sign up by the end of March, the City of Melrose will receive a free solar power system to be installed on a public building or school. If 250 residents sign up by the end of March, the city will receive an additional \$13,000 in our accounts for renewable energy and low-income energy projects. **Information on participating is in your monthly electric bill from National Grid, or you can go to www.massenergy.com following the "Green Electricity" link to join the New England Green Start Program.** You can also contact the Energy Commission at melroseenergy@yahoo.com.

Thank you, in advance, for your support of this important program.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Dolan
Mayor