

You're Invited

You're invited to play your part in one of the most important decisions our community will ever make.

In the 2020 election, you will determine whether the city proceeds with local power. The outcome is in your hands.

Now's the time to learn, share your thoughts and hear from a variety of perspectives.

Now's the time to participate.

What is Local Power?

Local Power is an ongoing effort to bring **clean, local, affordable and reliable** electricity to the community by developing a city-owned electric utility. It's sometimes called municipalization.

You will decide whether Boulder completes this process. Whether you are already engaged or new to the conversation, the City of Boulder welcomes your participation.

Our Energy Future



Is clean: Uses renewable sources of energy, like solar and wind, instead of harmful fossil fuels.



Is local: Supports a robust energy economy, with more control of energy supply and investments, as well as community participation in the creation of services.



Provides value: Offers access, for everyone, to energy and innovative technology at competitive costs, balancing short- and long-term interests.



Is reliable and secure: Ensures a stable, resilient and safe energy supply that is protected against external threats.

What's Next

Between now and 2020, the city will receive information that will help us refine cost estimates and designs for an electric grid that could start serving Boulder as soon as 2024. We're committed to sharing this information with you. We've also learned a lot that will help shape our energy future whether or not you decide to complete the utility. We plan to bring that information to you, too.

In this phase, we'll begin to answer questions about how the potential utility will run, what types of services it will provide and what role the community will have in providing oversight and input.

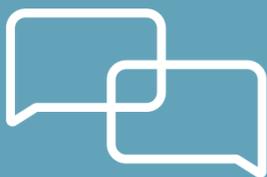
We know there's a lot you want to learn before your community decision and a lot you want to share to shape the potential utility. That's why we're planning several ways for you to get involved.



10 Ways to Get Involved

1. Swing by an **"In the Know" booth** at parks, pools, rec centers and events you're already at to hear the latest updates and find out about upcoming opportunities to participate.
2. Learn with us through a **speaker series** exploring three key topics: what are good utilities doing to engage better with their customers, what is happening at the state legislature to promote a cleaner energy future and a discussion about getting to 100 percent renewables.
3. Attend a **City Council meeting** to get in-depth information on the most important topics they're considering, like legal proceedings, engineering costs and the ballot.
4. Participate in a **Let's Talk session**, a dialogue-based program being developed in partnership with the academic community. You'll learn about how local power emerged as a strategy to achieve the community's energy goals and have an opportunity to discuss alternatives.
5. Shape the potential utility through a series of facilitated **workshops** that taps into the single best asset a community-owned electric utility has – its customers – for input on programs, approaches and philosophies.
6. Help put Boulder on the map by attending a **live recording of a prominent energy podcast**.
7. Join your neighborhood liaison and city Local Power staff at special **Neighborhood Office Hours**, coming soon to a gathering spot near you.
8. Catch up on the latest project updates and next steps four times a year at a **quarterly update**, designed with efficiency in mind.
9. Invite us to present at a **small-group community meeting** you're already attending.
10. Join us for a **social hour**. Raise a glass and talk with other Boulder residents about this important issue in a casual environment.

Visit www.bouldercolorado.gov/local-power/participate for specific dates, times and locations. We'll update this page often.



Our Promise to You

We'll be transparent. Nobody likes secrets. Our job is to be open with you so that you have all the information you need to decide. If we don't know an answer, or can't say because it's tied to something sensitive, like legal preparations, we'll tell you that, too.

We'll be inclusive and equitable. It's not fun to be left out. Conversations are better when more of you can join in, especially those with different experiences and perspectives.

We'll be substantive. Details matter. We know you want key information, like how a utility would be run, how much it will cost and what it'll mean to you as a customer. We'll work to provide specifics.

We'll be accessible. There are lots of ways to participate. We'll strive to make every minute of your time count, whether at council meetings, city events, settings with smaller crowds or online.

We'll be community-centered. This project is about all of us. We're here to support your learning and get your input on factors that will impact your lives. We want to foster constructive and healthy dialogue, because at the end of the day, we're one Boulder, with plenty of room for diverse opinions and values.

Join the city and
your neighbors in this
important community
conversation about our
shared energy future.

Online Resources

Project Page

www.bouldercolorado.gov/local-power

Events, Calendar and Video Archive

www.bouldercolorado.gov/local-power/participate

Online Engagement

Coming soon to www.BeHeardBoulder.org

