Climate Mitigation and Resiliency
Accelerate the transition to a clean energy future
**Strategy 1**
Increase renewable energy generation for the Commonwealth and access for all residents.

- **Action 1.1:** Mandate a more sustained acceleration of the Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) to increase by 3% annually through 2050, and require the participation of municipal electric utilities in both the state’s RPS and in the Renewable Energy Trust Fund.

- **Action 1.2:** Advance an equitable clean energy future by establishing a Clean Energy Community Benefits Fund and a Commission on Energy Justice to benefit Environmental Justice communities. The fund would support renewable energy installations and energy efficiency projects, clean energy jobs training, and green infrastructure projects. The Commission would oversee the fund’s implementation and ensure equitable program structures and benefit distribution for programs run by the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) and the Department of Public Utilities (DPU).

- **Action 1.3:** Remove the solar net metering caps and ensure equitable rates and access for virtual net metering.

**Strategy 2**
Spur the equitable development of microgrids, energy storage, and demand management programs.

- **Action 2.1:** Increase public and private sector funding for microgrids, district heating and cooling, and energy storage. This includes additional investment in the MassCEC Microgrid and Advancing Commonwealth Energy Storage (ACES) program and the DOER Community Clean Energy Resiliency Initiative (CCERI).

- **Action 2.2:** Create a statewide community energy strategy, taking a data-driven approach to identify suitable and high priority locations for district energy, microgrids, and energy storage across the state.

- **Action 2.3:** Eliminate barriers to rapid deployment of microgrids, energy storage, and other active demand management strategies.

**Strategy 3**
Reform the electric and gas utility markets to support the transition to distributed and renewable sources of energy.

- **Action 3.1:** Require comprehensive electric and gas utility reform by 2030.

- **Action 3.2:** Develop a statewide natural gas transition plan for phasing out new natural gas connections by 2025 and fully transitioning away from natural gas by 2035.

- **Action 3.3:** Restructure the wholesale electricity markets. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission should issue regulatory changes that address the barriers for zero emission resources and demand-side participation.