In the era of Trump, one bright spot remains what's happening in cities across the nation. Here are some numbers: 402 U.S. mayors have endorsed the Paris Agreement and announced their intention of meeting its goals, while 118 have endorsed the goal of making their cities 100% renewable. A bit of quick research provides a sample of what some major cities are already up to:

Atlanta. Atlanta's city council has set ambitious goals: 100% renewable energy for city operations by 2025 and for the entire city a decade later.

**Chicago.** Chicago commissioned climate scientists to <u>report</u> on how climate change would impact the city. The report cites more heat waves and heavier rains and snows. The mayor has announced a plan to power city buildings with 100% renewable energy by 2025. The city has adopted an elaborate climate change adaptation plan.

**Houston and Dallas.** Houston's city government now gets 89% of its power from wind and solar, while Dallas gets 100% from wind. Austin is also at 100%.

Los Angeles. LA Metro, the LA Department of Transportation and LA City Council committed to using only electric buses by 2030. A new community choice program allows consumers to opt for heavy or even complete reliance on renewables in their energy mix.

Miami. The Miami-Dade website says that "There is consensus among the world's leading scientists that Southeast Florida is one of the regions most vulnerable to climate change. Miami-Dade County has been in the forefront of addressing these issues for many years, particularly potential flooding impacts." Miami-Dade also has an elaborate energy efficiency program. South Miami now requires solar installations for all new homes.

**Phoenix.** Phoenix aims to get 15% of its energy from renewables by 2025 and to be carbon neutral by 2060. The city already ranks third in the nation for solar power.

**New York City.** According to the *Guardian*, "New York City has already earmarked billions of dollars to retrofit 1 million buildings to make them more energy-efficient, electrify its municipal vehicle fleet, plant thousands of trees and coat rooftops in solar panels." The goal is to reduce emissions 80% by 2050.

**San Francisco.** Also according to the *Guardian*, in "2015, the city measured its greenhouse gas emissions at 28 percent below 1990 levels—despite the city's population growing nearly 20 percent, and a robust bump in its gross domestic product of 78 percent."

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