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Cities are known to create wealth and economic growth. Cities are also providing their citizens with evermore diverse consumption opportunities, making the lifestyles of city dwellers more and more consumption-oriented. This inevitably leads to increased energy demands and emissions in cities due to needed infrastructure and real estate development, the increased energy demands of users, and the increased energy embodied in the goods and services consumed within cities. Concurrently, we are facing imminent pressure to significantly reduce our energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions at all levels of society. This pressure behoves cities to re-establish themselves as low-energy/low-carbon urban ecosystems. There has been an ongoing, lively academic discourse on the Issue for several years, so far without widely accepted or unanimous solutions. This Special Issue “Energy Efficient Cities of Today and Tomorrow” seeks to enhance this conversation and provide a more profound understanding of the future energy requirements of urban areas and low-energy and low-carbon cities.

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