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## Climate and Economic Equity Taskforce Cochairs Announce Members

County Supervisor Supreme Moore Omokunde and City of Milwaukee Alderman Nik Kovac announced the members of the Milwaukee City-County Joint Taskforce on Climate and Economic Equity today and scheduled the group's **first meeting for November 11**.

Taskforce members include **August Ball** of Cream City Conservation, **Pam Fendt** of Milwaukee Area Labor Council, **Julie Kersick** of Community Advocates Public Policy Institute, **Ted Kraig** of Wisconsin Climate Table, **Ayanna Lee** of Milwaukee Youth Council, **George Martin** of NAACP Milwaukee Chapter, **Barbara Richards** of Sierra Club Wisconsin, **Pamela Ritger** of Clean Wisconsin, **Erick Shambarger** of City of Milwaukee Environmental Collaboration Office, **Rafael Smith** of Citizen Action of Wisconsin and environmental lawyer **Janet Meissner Pritchard**. Kovac and Moore Omokunde will co-chair the taskforce.

"I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to deal with both the impending climate crisis and unemployment levels in portions of our community that are double what was experienced during the Depression. I'm confident that my colleagues on the taskforce share my sense of enthusiasm and urgency, and I know we're all eager to roll up our sleeves and get to work," said Supervisor Moore Omokunde.

"I look forward to working with Supervisor Moore Omokunde and other community partners to make global change by empowering and employing neighbors and advocates on a local level," said Alderman Kovac.

The November 11 meeting will take place in room 301-A of the Milwaukee City Hall at 2:00 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

The taskforce was established this summer and is charged with making recommendations to both the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors and Milwaukee Common Council to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 or sooner, while mitigating racial and income inequality.

Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors Chairman Theodore Lipscomb, Sr. and Milwaukee Common Council President Ashanti Hamilton appointed the members of the taskforce.