



October 3, 2022

**To: Milwaukee Common Council**

**Re: Milwaukee's 2023 Budget:**

I am here representing the League of Women Voters of Milwaukee County (LWVMC) and to urge you to continue your support of the Environmental Collaboration Office and their work with the Milwaukee City-County Climate and Economic Equity Task Force.

The Common Council in 2019 voted (Common Council File [190445](#)) to create The City-County Task Force on Climate and Economic Equity. The Task Force has two major goals:

- Reduce community-wide net greenhouse gas emissions by at least 45% by the year 2030 and achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 or sooner.
- Reduce racial and income inequality by assuring that greenhouse gas reduction investments and policies will create the maximum number of permanent living wage green jobs for people who live in the most impoverished Milwaukee neighborhoods with limited economic opportunity.

The Task Force activities include: reducing commercial and residential building energy, greening the grid, developing a green jobs accelerator, developing the electric vehicle infrastructure, and encouraging the reduction of vehicle miles traveled. To meet these ambitious goals will take a practical "all of the above" strategy that includes utilizing existing programs at every level of government, collaborating with We Energies and committing financial resources in each budget to these programs.

The League of Women Voters has long advocated for healthy, thriving communities and environments. The Task Force's comprehensive plan meshes with LWV positions as it proposes to equitably address the multiple, interrelated climate and economic equity issues in Milwaukee.

Our very best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carol Diggelman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Carol Diggelman, Co-chair, LWV of Milwaukee County's Natural Resources Committee