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Milwaukee Climate & Equity Plan

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Honorable Members of the Common Council
c/o Jim Owczarski, City Clerk
Milwaukee City Hall, Room 205
200 E Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

The Honorable Mayor Cavalier Johnson
Office of the Mayor
City Hall, 200 E. Wells Street, Room 201
Milwaukee. WI 53202

Dear Members of the Common Council and Mr. Mayor,

I request that Milwaukee's Climate and Equity Plan be adopted as part of the city's comprehensive plan, so that it may inform present and future city planning.

Milwaukee is, like other large cities, a contributor to climate change, spewing out vast amounts of fossil fuel generated emissions. While it may be easier to recognize the effects of climate change in other parts of the country, Milwaukee is not exempt. Changing weather patterns, including extreme weather events followed by heat waves and drought, are already producing floods, generating heat islands, impairing air quality, and impacting food production – all of which affect the health and well-being of our communities – especially those with the fewest resources to cope with these disasters.

Milwaukee also suffers the ignominious reputation as being one of the most segregated large cities in the country, ranking at the bottom of the largest U.S. metropolitan areas on measures of well-being for African Americans. With some of the worst Black poverty rates among fifty metro areas (33.4 percent), Black residents and other people of color are at greatest threat from heat islands, high energy burdens, exposure to flooding, and other risks associated with climate change.

As a resident who fell in love with the city of Milwaukee over a decade ago, I always hear how Milwaukee is slow to change. Let's change that narrative and go back to being a city who thinks of the future and future needs. This is just one way of getting us there.

I urge you to take advantage of this opportunity to lead our community in adopting the Climate and Equity Plan as the first step in making that vision a reality.

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