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Attachments: City-County TF on Climate & Equity--Prelim Report 3.20.pdf

Chair Rainey and Members of the CED Committee,

The City-County Task Force on Climate and Economic Equity recently completed the first stage of their work by issuing a carefully conceived Preliminary Report (attached), which you have probably seen. The charge of the Task Force is to pay eminently close attention to **the connection between climate change and green, living-wage jobs for minorities.**

It is clear to me that when deciding **whether to grant or to withhold a minority impact qualification**, the City must routinely consider whether the proposed development or policy change will be more likely to (a) exacerbate the disproportionate effects of climate change upon minority communities or (b) mitigate those effects. In other words, the minority impact statement seems to be an excellent tool to empower the City, its residents, and its businesses toward attaining climate justice. If you utilize the minority impact statement to slow or reverse the impacts of climate upon Milwaukee's minorities, you will reaffirm and bolster the work of the Task Force. You will be promoting health, safety, and employment opportunities for those communities in an increasingly green economy.

Please pass the Minority Impact Statement. It could be an important piece of the environmental-economic puzzle.

Sincerely,

Larry Hoffman, Ph.D.

Member of MECA – Milwaukee Equity and Climate Alliance