Honorable Members of the Milwaukee Common Council

c/o Office of the City Clerk Milwaukee City Hall, Room 205 200 E Wells Street Milwaukee, WI 53202

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

June 8th, 2023

Re: Milwaukee's Climate and Equity Plan

Dear Honorable Members of the Milwaukee Common Council and Mayor Cavalier Johnson,

My name is Chelsea Malacara. I am a former resident of the city of Milwaukee, current employee within the city, and citizen of Saint Francis. I have lived all over the country and have traveled across the globe. What I can tell you is that the environmental and public health impacts of climate change is a universal experience that sadly hits the most vulnerable communities more than others. Milwaukee has been and continues to be in a prime position to serve as a model for other American cities for how to transition their economies, communities, and environments toward healthier and equitable futures.

Building a sustainable and thriving community isn't just about a clean environment, it's about affordable and safe housing, secure jobs, broad access to community resources including green spaces, and so much more. <u>Milwaukee's Climate and Equity Plan</u> will be good for the city on many fronts, creating a more livable and equitable society:

- It taps into new and current industries ripe for growth
- It will generate family supporting jobs to advance our workforce
- It reduces our reliance on external sources of energy such as coal, which are costly and add to air pollution that increases health costs
- It is fiscally sound, addressing multiple issues at once

As a community member, I thoroughly support the Climate and Equity Plan and believe that if not approved, Milwaukee will be missing an opportunity not only to lead globally, but lead our

most vulnerable populations out of poverty, toward an equitable and healthy future. Please vote yes to approve this plan for our future.

Sincerely, Chelsea Malacara 3021 E Waterford Avenue. Saint Francis, WI 53235