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IN CONCLUSION: Call for ACTION for Resilience and Equity

This report from the JCTfCEE brings to Milwaukee the need to evaluate, mitigate and adapt to ecosystem changes brought about by a changing climate and to address long standing racial and economic disparities. The impending environmental impacts to all our systems will be considerable if we continue to depend on current practices that rely on external resources rather than local solutions. We can develop local employment if we build for a new local economy. This means a switch from fossil fuel to clean electric, from development focused on downtown to neighborhood development, from a consumer focus to a producer focus, from the automobile to mass transit and walkable neighborhoods. We can create a resilient Milwaukee based on reimagined economic and social structures. The current system's lack of capacity to meet the twin challenges (climate and equity), requires leadership for a secure and just Milwaukee by 2050.

Therefore, the JCTfCEE requests the community, from utilities to CEOs to NGOs; to City and County offices and Electeds; to neighborhood associations, BIDs to NIDs; to churches, small businesses, schools at all levels; to you and your neighbors; a commitment to meet and listen to each other's ideas with open minds and hearts. What does a Milwaukee look like that is just and resilient? This is a Community Call to Action for Climate and Economic Equity.

In the months between now and May 2020 we want to inform and listen to as many of you as we can. We will be reaching out to you and we ask you to reach out to us. We ask you to join the conversation for a Community-wide response to the twin challenges of climate and equity. Then in May we will together publish a plan for a two year engagement of community representatives and experts from all the above groups to dig deeper into the path to the future. Answer the Call for Action!