



October 17, 2023

TO: Ald. Marina Dimitrijevic, Chair
Members, Finance & Personnel Committee

FROM: Michael F. Totoraitis, PhD, Commissioner of Health

RE: Health Department Climate & Equity Plan Participation

Chairwoman Dimitrijevic, and Honorable Committee Members:

The City of Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) is committed to partnering with stakeholders from the Common Council, City departments and community stakeholders to support the Milwaukee Climate and Equity Plan. While this work is in its early phase, MHD is:

- Working closely with the Environmental Collaboration Office (ECO) to develop processes and procedures to coordinate lead abatement work with energy efficiency work through ARPA. ECO is contracting with SDC and Habitat for Humanity for this combined work, since they currently work with MHD on lead abatement (*Healthy Home Energy Upgrades*)
- ECO coordinates with MHD on neighborhood-based outreach related to City housing programs and best practices for maintaining healthy homes and environmental justice (*Resilience Ambassadors*)
- MHD has supported ECO pending federal grant applications focused on food recovery from area restaurants (*Waste Reduction and Sustainable Consumption*)

We are grateful for the continued support from the Common Council and Mayor Johnson on tackling the issues surrounding climate change. Please let us know if there are any further questions or suggestions for MHD to explore on this important topic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael F. Totoraitis".

Michael F. Totoraitis, PhD
Commissioner of Health