



CITY OF MILWAUKEE

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Mayor Bryan Kennedy, Chair
Milwaukee County Intergovernmental Cooperation Council

Dear Chair Kennedy and honorable members of the Milwaukee County Intergovernmental Cooperation Council,

The City of Milwaukee Common Council and Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors have established the City-County Task Force on Climate and Economic Equity to convene area leaders for the purpose of making practical recommendations consistent with the 2018 United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and United States Global Change Research Program Fourth National Climate Assessment reports, so our community may achieve net greenhouse gas emission reductions of 45 percent of 2010 levels by 2030, achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 or sooner, and mitigate racial and income inequality through “green” jobs.

The Taskforce shall advise the City and County of its recommendations which shall include, but is not limited to, providing:

- A roadmap of required and measurable governmental actions to accomplish greenhouse gas reduction goals.
- Suggested policy changes and investments required to simultaneously reduce racial and income inequality, including advice on creating training and/or vocational programs for maximizing the number of Milwaukee “green” jobs in the new American economy.
- Determine how local governments within Milwaukee County may be able to assess and map vulnerabilities to climate change by neighborhood and community.
- Compile a list of outside experts that the City and County may contract with for technical expertise who may further the goals of the Taskforce, and write a comprehensive plan for the City and County; and

The Taskforce shall make recommendations on how to dramatically reduce racial inequality by assuring that greenhouse gas reduction investments and policies will create the maximum number of permanent living-wage jobs for people who live in the most impoverished Milwaukee neighborhoods and are currently shut out of economic opportunity.

We invite the collaboration and participation of the 18 other governing bodies located in Milwaukee County. Our Taskforce has begun meeting and initial work groups have been established. At present they are:

- **Emissions Assessment and Inventory Work Group**
- **Jobs and Equity Work Group**
- **Education and Outreach to the Community Work Group**
- **Finance and Funding Opportunity Work Group**

Our initial efforts will be to establish base line inventories for Green House Gas Emissions (GHG) a Vulnerability Assessment and an Equity Assessment. It has been decided to pursue GHG assessments using ClearPath software with ICLEI tools. The tools for the other assessments are yet to be determined. Ideally, we will be able to supplement city data with county-wide data. This is an opportunity for the MCICC and/ or its individual members to cooperate and collaborate on meeting the twin challenges of climate and equity.

We invite your consideration of your level of participation.

- Establish a staff communications contact within the MCICC and the Joint Taskforce; supplementation by a staff contact with each member municipality not currently party to the established Joint Taskforce;
- Provide data on the GHG emissions as available for municipal operations as it is requested through the established contacts;
- Provide data on the GHG emissions as available for non-governmental sources (residential, commercial) as it is requested through the established contacts;
- Participate in the other assessments as you are able through the established contacts.

Please review the City and County resolutions and thoughtfully consider adding your effort to that of the City-County Task Force on Climate and Economic Equity:

<https://milwaukee.legistar.com/Legislation.aspx>

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Sincerely,

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The signature on the left is 'Nik' and the signature on the right is 'S.M.O.'.

Alderman Nik Kovac and Supervisor Supreme Moore Omokunde
Co-Chairs, City-County Task Force on Climate and Economic Equity