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July 15, 2021

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District 10 — Alderman Michael J. Murphy mmurph@milwaukee.gov City Hall 200 E. Wells Street Room 205 Milwaukee. WI 53202

Dear President Johnson and Alderman Murphy,

Community Insurance Information Center is writing to recommend approval of the workforce development initiatives proposed by Employ Milwaukee for funding consideration by the Common Council through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). It is our understanding that the Finance and Personnel Committee will consider this item at their July 21, 2021 meeting.

Employ Milwaukee's initiatives invest in and prioritize youth of color, fund wages and skill training, and ensure work experience is high quality and linked to employers and pathways in in-demand fields. The initiatives will help build a talent pipeline to quality jobs while mitigating/addressing ongoing public health hazards in the city; expand access to credentials with labor market value rapidly and at scale, especially for workers of color; invest in subsidized, transitional employment with career pathways; and break down the digital divide to ensure equitable access to equipment, training and jobs. Extensive wraparound supportive services are layered with all programming.

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The is an historic opportunity to make impactful, long-term change in our community. We look forward to your favorable approval of Employ Milwaukee's proposal. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at angela.marion@insuranceinfo-ciic.org or 414-291-5360. Thank you.

Angela Marion | Executive Director Community Insurance Information Center

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Thursday, July 15, 2021

Milwaukee Common Council City Hall Room 205 200 E Wells St Milwaukee, WI 53207

#### Honorable Council Members:

The Greater Milwaukee Chamber of Commerce urges the Common Council to adopt Council File Number 210547, Mayor Tom Barrett's first allocation of American Rescue Plan funding. The Stronger Summer Plan provides over \$93 million in needed funding for a range of critical programs as a first phase in the Mayor's Recovery and Resilience Plan. These resources will help Milwaukee continue a strong recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic through the summer and into fall.

The Stronger Summer proposal is a strong first step toward a more resilient city. The plan is grounded in racial equity and inclusion, and takes intentional first steps to address the unequal impact of COVID-19 on Milwaukee residents.

The Stronger Summer package makes investments in affordable housing and homeownership that will benefit Milwaukee families this year. It provides funding to help Milwaukee's small businesses and diverse entrepreneurs weather what we all hope are the final days of the pandemic. The plan expands resources to households facing eviction, and funds important efforts to continue building high-quality early childhood education for families. It makes investments to increase employment and wages for Milwaukee workers through training and career pathways.

Your support of the Stronger Summer plan will help Milwaukee emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic stronger and more equitable. We urge you again to adopt the plan when it is before the Council this month.

Sincerely,

Kola Alayande, Ph.D.

**Board Chair** 

Greater Milwaukee Chamber of Commerce, Inc.



# "Everybody needs a little TLC!"

#### PASTOR MICAIAH J. YOUNG

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Dear President Johnson and Alderman Murphy,

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Sincerely,

Micaiah Young

Micaiah J. Young Sr. The Life Center



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Dear President Johnson and Alderman Murphy,

We are writing today in support of the City of Milwaukee's proposed "Century City Clean Energy Jobs Initiative." We applaud Mayor Barrett for his leadership and would encourage to the Milwaukee City Council to approve the proposal.

For generations, the massive rail switchyard on Milwaukee's northside has put trains on different tracks, depending on their loads, to support area commerce in the most efficient way possible. Today, next to that same collection of rails within the city's 30th Street Industrial Corridor is the ideal location to scale-up and leverage a new kind of switchyard. Instead of moving train cars, this one will put local residents on a new path to jobs and careers within our region's historically and increasingly strategic energy, power, and controls sector.

The clean energy transition occurring in this country will require a dramatic shift in workforce needs and creates a unique opportunity for the City of Milwaukee to develop a comprehensive clean energy jobs strategy. This will require both a deep analysis of current and future talent requirements to support the clean energy economy and moving quickly to design and implement a clean energy jobs training program to meet the current demand for talent.

With the support of the City of Milwaukee, the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation, and the U.S Economic Development Administration, this past year, the Midwest Energy Research Consortium (MWERC) successfully piloted a new Electrical Assembly Training Program housed at the Century City Tower in Milwaukee's 30th Street Corridor. We believe there were several key ingredients that contributed to the success of this pilot:

www.m-werc.org



**Location:** The Century City Tower is located within Milwaukee neighborhoods where large populations are seeking new employment and career opportunities

**Partnerships:** The program has demonstrated capacity to recruit and train interested participants through its partnerships with Maximus and Employ Milwaukee, Milwaukee Area Technical College and Innovative Energy Solutions Incorporated (IESI).

**Capabilities:** The Century City Tower itself, the former world headquarters of Eaton Corporation, has unique power and infrastructure capabilities, which have been enhanced in the past year to include power electronics equipment not otherwise available.

**Commitment to Hire:** And most importantly, this program began with securing firm commitments from companies that they would hire individuals that successfully completed the training program.

We believe this model can be replicated quickly to support other training programs in the clean energy arena – solar and wind technicians and installers, heating and cooling technicians, etc.

MWERC and our members stand ready to work with the City of Milwaukee, Employ Milwaukee, and other partners to design and execute a clean energy jobs training program in Century City.

Thank you.

**Daniel Ebert** 

Senior Advisor to the Board

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**MWERC** 



To: The Milwaukee Common Council

July 15, 2021

Subject: Enthusiastic Support for the Century City Clean Energy Jobs Project, an initiative proposed within the Milwaukee Recovery and Resilience Plan

RENEW Wisconsin is a nonprofit organization dedicated to building a stronger, healthier, more vibrant Wisconsin through the advancement of renewable energy. We work on policies and programs that support solar power, wind power, biogas, local hydropower, geothermal energy, energy storage and electric vehicles. Since 1991 we have been a champion for clean energy solutions in the Badger State.

Clean energy jobs (solar, wind, advanced transportation, energy storage, emerging technologies and more) are among the fastest growing employment sectors. These jobs help build stronger communities, with family sustaining, locally based jobs, while advancing the transition to emission-free energy.

RENEW Wisconsin is thrilled to support the **Century City Clean Energy Jobs Project** to build the youth talent pipeline and create paid training apprenticeships. RENEW has over 60 clean energy business members and will work with them in this effort. RENEW will help connect businesses to youth talent and potential apprentices, so that they may build skills and become successful workers in the clean energy sector.

Thank you for advancing this initiative which has tremendous potential to strengthen communities and accelerate the transformation to a clean energy future.

Sincerely,

Heather Allen

**Executive Director** 

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Alderman Michael J. Murphy City Hall 200 E. Wells Street Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Alderman Murphy,

The Milwaukee Area Labor Council is pleased to offer this letter of support for Employ Milwaukee's workforce development proposal for funding through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). It is our understanding that the proposal will be considered by the Finance and Personnel Committee during the July 21st meeting.

It is also our understanding that this training and placement proposal covers the beginning stages of 6 years of funding, focusing on launchable first year pilot ideas. As a member of the City County Task Force on Climate Change and Economic Equity, I am especially pleased that so many ideas that have been prioritized from those deliberations. Not all the details are in place, but we are well beyond the brainstorming stage in how to connect city of Milwaukee residents to new career pathways in green jobs. If we can stress anything to policymakers, it is the very really opportunity we have with this funding to focus on outreach, including the proposed career exploration hub in Century City. Following the engagement step will be workforce programming, to connect new people into training for a future in renewable energy and other fields that address climate change.

Another key aspect of this proposal includes the expansion of pathways to registered apprenticeship, which we know is a means to train into a long-term family-supporting career. Any additional apprenticeship opportunities for both youth and adults are program components to support, as the training happens directly on the job through paid work and classroom instruction and with employers that are ready to hire. The ARPA funding is the growth opportunity to address equity in the skilled trades and welcome new people into skilled trades careers.

There is a need to light the imaginations of the young people in our community to the types of jobs that can both offer a viable life-long career and a means to help the planet. The City/County Task Force is putting in serious time and effort and using community input to create robust outreach planning. This workforce development plan creates a critical link to the skills training needed to make a shift in Milwaukee's economic and environmental health.

As a board member of Employ Milwaukee I am privy to ongoing performance information on the programming of the organization. In the full programming year before COVID, 63% of program participants were African American and the top five zip codes where participants live include 53209, 53206, 53216, 53218, 53210. I have full confidence that Employ Milwaukee and their range of community partners will be able to deliver the services that are outlined in the proposal, and the unions of Milwaukee County are engaged stakeholders.

Sincerely,

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Pam Fendt, President Milwaukee Area Labor Council

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Milwaukee Common Council Alderman Michael Murphy 200 E. Wells Street Milwaukee, WI 53202

Ref: Support for Mayor Barrett's Recovery and Resilience Plan; Job readiness and employment funding

### Alderman Murphy;

As you know, WRTP | BIG STEP is a national equity-based intermediary comprised of labor management stewards committed to advancing diversity within our industries, creating pathways to family sustaining careers, and ensuring that high road employers have access to the talents and skills training organizations required to be profitable and socially conscious.

As Milwaukee emerges from the pandemic, it's time to take stock of how we can grow a workforce development model that provides genuine opportunity for all in a 21st century economy. Investing in workforce development and training, as proposed by Mayor Barrett's administration, helps ensure that ARPA funding will reach and impact individuals lives, neighborhoods, and the regional economy in ways that few other initiatives can do.

Our Board of Directors (see left panel) is comprised of leaders from most of the largest representing unions in the construction and manufacturing sectors, bringing with it a network of hundreds of employers, and what they are saying is that the public workforce system is not enough. We need funding to support training, retention services and support services that will help people navigate and stay in the workforce.

Historically, job seekers were expected to invest their own time and money to meet the competency needs and skill demands of employers. This was a viable arrangement when employer needs remained static over long periods of time; but today the skills workers are required to evolve at a much faster pace.

Mayor Barrett's vision for rapid investment in quality, scalable

training providers and partnerships will help address the needs of employers for talent, as well as provide an opportunity for the thousands of individuals who are not only unemployed, but under-employed, see a chance for something new. On average, the United States spends just one-fifth as much as other advanced economies on workforce and labor market programs. To ensure economic competitiveness and prosperity for businesses and workers alike, we need a greater investment in training. Strategies that create affordable learning opportunities for working parents, with high-quality training that's responsive to employer needs, pay enormous dividends.

We are asking for your support for the Mayor's proposal, and make ourselves available to you if you have any questions.

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Co-Chair, WRTP Board of Directors



# Here at El Bethel, You're Not Just a Member, You're Family!

July 15, 2021

Dear President Johnson and Alderman Murphy,

El-Bethel Church of God in Christ is writing to recommend approval of the workforce development initiatives proposed by Employ Milwaukee for funding consideration by the Common Council through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). It is our understanding that the Finance and Personnel Committee will consider this item at their July 21, 2021 meeting.

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The is an historic opportunity to make impactful, long-term change in our community. We look forward to your favorable approval of Employ Milwaukee's proposal. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at sct\_39@yahoo.com or 414-333-8118. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Pastor Steven C. Tipton, MBA El-Bethel Church of God in Christ







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Dear President Johnson and Alderman Murphy,

St Marcus Lutheran School is writing to recommend approval of the workforce development initiatives proposed by Employ Milwaukee for funding consideration by the Common Council through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). It is our understanding that the Finance and Personnel Committee will consider this item at their July 21, 2021 meeting.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Maureen "Moe" Lawrenz

Life Coach

St Marcus Lutheran School,



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Dear President Johnson and Alderman Murphy,

Community Advocatess is writing to strongly recommend approval of the workforce development initiatives proposed by Employ Milwaukee for funding consideration by the Common Council through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). It is our understanding that the Finance and Personnel Committee will consider this item at their July 21, 2021 meeting.

Community Advocates is represented by Julie Kerksick of our Public Policy Institute on the City-County Task Force on Climate and Economic Equity. Julie has worked on the Task Force and the Jobs and Equity work group for nearly two years. The proposed initiatives from Employ Milwaukee are a perfect fit for our recommendations. We need to get from talking about Clean Energy Jobs and the need to provide living wage employment to thousands of Milwaukee residents to taking action at a larger scale. The ARPA funds allow the city to invest money NOW to help with energy retrofits of Milwaukee's older housing, accelerate the removal of lead laterals and toxic paint in old homes, and invest in existing innovations that are underway in our city and county.

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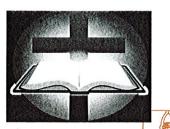
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This is a critical opportunity. Please support these proposed investments. We are working with Employ Milwaukee, city, county, and community partners to make sure these funds have impact on every part of our city—but especially the neighborhoods and people who have been chronically left behind in economic recoveries.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact Julie Kerksick (<u>jkerksick@communityadvocates.net</u>) if you have any questions about our support for the Employ Milwaukee initiatives.

Sincerely,

Andi Elliott Chief Executive Officer



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# **Unity Fellowship Church**

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Dear President Johnson and Alderman Murphy,

Unity Fellowship Church is writing to recommend approval of the workforce development initiatives proposed by Employ Milwaukee for funding consideration by the Common Council through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). It is our understanding that the Finance and Personnel Committee will consider this item at their July 21, 2021 meeting.

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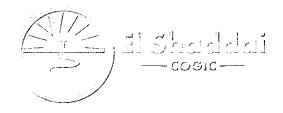
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Sincerely,

Jermaine Smith, Pastor Unity Fellowship COGIC



El-Shaddai Church Of God In Christ Pastor Maurice Hughes 2976 North 27th Street · Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53210 (414) 445-9911

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Dear President Johnson and Alderman Murphy,

El-Shaddai COGIC is writing to recommend approval of the workforce development initiatives proposed by Employ Milwaukee for funding consideration by the Common Council through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). It is our understanding that the Finance and Personnel Committee will consider this item at their July 21, 2021 meeting.

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"Ad Majórem Dei Glóriam" (For the Greater Glory of God),

Pastor Maurice Hughes, Sr., MBA El-Shaddai Church Of God In Christ

**Executive Secretary** 

Wisconsin Northwest Jurisdiction

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Dear President Johnson and Alderman Murphy,

I Mrs. Gerri K. Sykes the wife of the late "Don Sykes" a former President and CEO of Employ Milwaukee. I know firsthand the tangible community impact that this organization makes on a daily basses. I am sincerely writing to recommend approval of the workforce development initiatives proposed by Employ Milwaukee for funding consideration by the Common Council through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). It is our understanding that the Finance and Personnel Committee will consider this item at their July 21, 2021 meeting.

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Sincerely,
GERRI K. Sykes



# **ROCK OF FAITH CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**

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Rock of Faith Church is writing to recommend approval of the workforce development initiatives proposed by Employ Milwaukee for funding consideration by the Common Council through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). It is our understanding that the Finance and Personnel Committee will consider this item at their July 21, 2021 meeting.

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Carlos A. Christian, Pastor Rock of Faith Church of God in Christ



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Dear President Johnson and Alderman Murphy,

The Milwaukee Consortium for Hmong Health, Inc. (MCHH) is writing to recommend approval of the workforce development initiatives proposed by Employ Milwaukee for funding consideration by the Common Council through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). It is our understanding that the Finance and Personnel Committee will consider this item at their July 21, 2021 meeting.

Employ Milwaukee's initiatives invest in and prioritize youth of color, fund wages and skill training, and ensure work experience is high quality and linked to employers and pathways in in-demand fields. The initiatives will help build a talent pipeline to quality jobs while mitigating/addressing ongoing public health hazards in the city; expand access to credentials with labor market value rapidly and at scale, especially for workers of color; invest in subsidized, transitional employment with career pathways; and break down the digital divide to ensure equitable access to equipment, training and jobs. Extensive wraparound supportive services are layered with all programming.

Employ Milwaukee has the experience, capacity, and systems to manage large scale projects and the ability to report on impact and outcomes by aldermanic district, demographics, credentials, job placement, wages, and more. Most of the funding will go directly to City Residents in the form of wages, supportive services, and occupational skill training, building wealth within neighborhoods. Employ Milwaukee will also distribute funding to community- and faith-based organizations for service delivery to ensure the programming is delivered using a community-focused, human-centered approach. A wide variety of local training providers will be engaged for upskilling opportunities.

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# ST. CHRISTOPHER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Dear President Johnson and Alderman Murphy,

St. Christopher's Church is writing to recommend approval of the workforce development initiatives proposed by Employ Milwaukee for funding consideration by the Common Council through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). It is our understanding that the Finance and Personnel Committee will consider this item at their July 21, 2021 meeting.

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Sincerely,

The Rev. Geoffrey Ward

St. Christopher's Church, River Hills