



Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

Supervisor Supreme Moore Omokunde, 10th District

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To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Supreme Moore Omokunde, Co-Chair, City-County Task Force on Climate and Economic Equity

Subject: The Preliminary Report of the City-County Task Force on Climate and Economic Equity

Background

On August 20, 2019, then-County Executive Abele signed the resolution creating the City-County Task Force on Climate and Economic Equity (Task Force). The purpose of the Task Force is to make practical recommendations to achieve net greenhouse gas emission reductions of 45% of 2010 levels by 2030 and achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 or sooner and mitigate racial and income inequality through "green" jobs. The resolution creating the Task Force called for it to present its findings to the County Board and Common Council within six months of both resolutions' passage.

Overview

The Task Force held its first meeting on November 11, 2019. The 13-member group created four work groups to investigate and make recommendations on the following issues: Greenhouse Gas Emissions Assessment and Reduction Strategies, Jobs and Equity, Finance and Funding, and Education and Community Outreach. Out of these four work groups came the preliminary report, which was completed in March 2020.

The four focus areas identified in the preliminary report were specifically chosen for the ways in which they frame any climate action moving forward. The Emissions Inventory and Assessment work group provides a foundation, showing where Milwaukee is and where it needs to go. The Jobs and Equity work group identifies the need for big structural changes to bend the curve towards greater inclusion and proposes a baseline measurement and clear metrics for progress in this area. The Finance and Funding work group identifies sources and mechanisms for accomplishing the goals set forth in this report. The Education and Community Outreach work group provides a plan to expand the number of stakeholders and residents involved in the process of addressing the climate crisis and ensure public accountability.

This preliminary report takes stock of the work already being done in climate and economic equity around Milwaukee, charts a path to achieve ambitious medium—and long—term climate and equity goals, and provides recommendations for short-term solutions that may make an immediate impact.

Recommendation

This report is informational and intended to provide an update on the work of the Task Force to date. The Task Force would like this item referred to a standing committee to update the County Board on its work.

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