

In the past year I have appeared before the Sustainable Madison Committee (SMC) to update and keep you abreast of MGE's Community Energy Conversation process now being framed as Energy 2030.

My commitment to update the SMC when we have a seat on this committee is a further demonstration of our respect for and desire to have a transparent and open relationship which is foundational to a partnership.

We have done much to get to where we are today, with our Energy 2030 Framework, and we have much to do as we build on the feedback we have received over this eighteen-month process; including what has been expressed by this committee to us.

While we have been busy with Energy 2030 we have also of course been monitoring the committee's progress in developing the Energy Work Plan that would be affirmed by Resolution 42090.

As you know the resolution and draft energy work plan anticipates future discussions occurring between representatives of the City and MGE concerning possible energy related initiatives. It is our belief that this resolution continues on what we already are willing to do -- Working with the city to achieve **common goals**.

Examples, that already demonstrate our commitment and willingness to partner include:

1. The MPower Madison campaign
2. The deployment of electric vehicle charging stations at City facilities
3. Multiple energy technology educational installations like
  - Goodman pool solar project,
  - the green roof at the Madison Public Library,
  - the Olbrich Gardens solar project, and of course
4. Our Work together on the Georgetown University Energy Prize are the most notable

\*\* And I might also add that right now we are working with Jeanne Hoffman and 7thwave on a LEAP federal grant

Tonight we are here to reaffirm MGE's relationship and partnership with SMC, and also to be on record that we support the redline version of the resolution and plan as prepared by Alder Bidar-Sielaff before you tonight. Her redline version retains the flexibility that we believe has been instrumental in the successful partnerships we have utilized in the past. Moreover, we see it as presenting the best opportunity for successfully partnering with the City of Madison as we undertake new initiatives of **common** interest to the SMC and the City, and MGE.

Approving Bidar-Sielaff's version in our opinion gets us to where we say we want to be which is working collaboratively and in partnership together to achieve those **common** goals mutually set for carbon reduction and renewable energy and for engagement on energy conservation. We hope tonight the SMC will approve the amended version as submitted by Alder Bidar-Sielaff and we look forward to working with the SMC and the City of Madison to advance our mutual goals.