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What does climate success look like to you?

Climate success for municipalities means creating resilient, sustainable communities through clean energy adoption, waste reduction, and green infrastructure. It involves reducing carbon emissions, protecting natural resources, and ensuring equitable access to environmental benefits. Success also includes engaging citizens in climate actions, fostering local partnerships, and preparing for climate impacts with adaptive strategies like flood prevention, urban heat island mitigation, and energy-efficient buildings. Ultimately, it's about fostering a future where communities thrive while minimizing their environmental footprint.

Given our current socio-political environment, how do you plan to achieve your vision of climate success?

To achieve climate success, the Common Council will need to focus on building broad coalitions across political and community lines, ensuring climate action is seen as an economic opportunity. By advocating for policies that support renewable energy, green jobs, and sustainable infrastructure, we can create shared ownership of climate solutions. Additionally, we should prioritize equity, ensuring marginalized communities have access to resources and are included in decision-making. Collaborating with local businesses, residents, and organizations will be key to fostering long-term, impactful change.

What projects in your community would you prioritize for climate and environmental justice?

I would prioritize continued investments in projects that promote clean energy access, such as community solar programs, and green infrastructure initiatives like urban tree planting and

stormwater management. Focus should also be placed on improving public transportation and creating walkable, bike-friendly spaces to reduce emissions. This can be done by promoting mixed-use and more flexible zoning that promote a better mix of density and purposes.

What actions around climate justice has your community already taken that you're proud of?

I am most proud of supporting further public transportation expansion, especially as it relates to the Bus Rapid Transit throughout the Greater Madison area, and zoning changes that will promote additional density.