

Good afternoon! My boss did not get a chance to offer comment at today's meeting. Here is her statement:

Good Morning Madam President and to the entire council body.

I am Dr. E'Lois Thomas, **President of SEEL, LLC** Solutions for Energy Efficient Logistics. As a local minority owned business, we work to help utilities, municipalities and stakeholders get to their clean energy goals. I am offering our public support of the Solar Energy Development project, which is item 20.2 – supporting DTE Electric.

Governor Whitmer Signed the Historic Clean Energy & Climate Action Package last year. This project will not only help Michigan be a leader in the sustainability space but will help Detroit take our place as resilient leaders toward clean energy. The solar project allows our city to be more responsible as it relates to our sustainability plan and the goals of the great state of MI related to clean energy. The cost savings for the city as well as the impact to the reduction in greenhouse gas emissions are critical to the success of our climate action plan.

As a local minority business enterprise, we have been working with DTE for over 15 years. We also have over 146 employees with around 75% of the local workforce residing in the city of Detroit. This allows this project to have a triple bottom line to support DTE Electric - our local utility, SEEL, a Detroit based company and our Detroit workforce.

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