

*Meg Lusardi EWG Statement*

As part of the leadership team of PowerOptions, a nonprofit energy consortium dedicated to reducing the costs, carbon and complexity of energy for nonprofits and the public sector, I respectfully request consideration by the Council to include me on the Equity Working Group (EWG). PowerOptions membership consists of a wide range of nonprofits throughout Massachusetts, including many serving low-income communities, such as housing authorities, neighborhood development corporations, and community health centers. Also, with this membership, PowerOptions will broadly represent a segment of energy users that are historically underserved by the MassSave programs, small commercial segment. We will be able to contribute significantly to the goal of the EWG to also serve this segment better. My goal is to bring to the group the voice of these nonprofits and their needs in navigating the path toward reducing their energy consumption and ultimately their carbon footprint. We are in conversation with our Members on a daily basis, and also work directly on energy efficiency with many through our partnerships with World Energy and Guardian. With this constant feedback loop, I feel that I am well-positioned to provide input to the EWG directly from those who the EWG is designed to support.