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**Environment Committee Meeting**  
**Updated SolSmart Program, Renewable Energy Siting, ESG Planning and Reporting**

April 18, 2023, 10-11:30 a.m.

Participation: Please register in advance for the Zoom meeting with the link sent to Committee members.

**1. Opening Comments & Introduction**

*Edith Makra, Director of Environmental Initiatives, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus*

**2. Updated SolSmart Program**

*Val Stori, Senior Program Manager, Great Plains Institute (GPI)*

*Sydne Tursky, Program Associate, GPI*

**3. Renewable Energy Siting**

*Brian Ross AICP, LEED GA, Vice President, GPI*

**4. ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) Planning and Reporting**

*Lisa Bonnett, past Director, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, and current environmental regulatory and finance consultant to state and local governments*

*Selvaprabu (Selva) Nadarajah, Associate Professor of Information and Decision Sciences at the College of Business, University of Illinois Chicago (UIC)*

**5. Closing**

*Edith Makra, Director of Environmental Initiatives, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus*

[GRC](#) goals, objective and strategy: Advance renewable energy. Enact policies that support clean energy. E13a-Adopt codes and permitting practices that support renewable energy systems in the community. Lead by demonstrating sustainable values and practices. MO6-Formalize sustainability goals and plans.

[Climate Action Plan](#) objectives and strategy: Decarbonize energy sources. Implement clean energy policies. Adapt zoning codes and streamline development processes to accelerate investment in solar and other renewable energy systems. Adapt operations and investments for future climate conditions.

**Next meeting:** EPA Support for Climate Planning at Scale, Tuesday, May 16, 10-11:30 a.m., virtual