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Eric Walker is the Energy Justice Senior Policy Manager of WE ACT for Environmental justice. He is an independent renewable energy and sustainable development adviser working on several projects to promote equitable energy access within Western New York. Prior, he was Erie County's first Director of Energy Development and Management. There, he worked to drive conservation and efficiency among County owned facilities while facilitating an interdepartmental team to develop strategic initiatives that strengthen Erie County's sustainability leadership. During his three years as "activist turned bureaucrat", he instituted the County's first building benchmarking program, facilitated its first solar power purchase agreement, secured nearly \$2 million dollars in grants and incentives to support the County's sustainability efforts.

Eric also brings over a decade worth of social justice policy advocacy, program design, implementation, and community engagement experience to the climate and energy sector. Immediately before joining Erie County, Mr. Walker served as the inaugural Racial Equity Fellow for the Center for Social Inclusion's Energy Democracy project, where he used his advocacy and policy experience to help launch the NY Energy Democracy Alliance. He is also co-founder People United for Sustainable Housing (PUSH) in Buffalo, NY, where he drove its community organizing work related to residential energy efficiency, including spearheading the regional advocacy for and local implementation of Green Jobs/Green NY.

Eric Walker continues his public service, serving on the board of directors at the Institute for Market Transformation, as a member of the Urban Sustainability Directors Network's Equity in Energy Advisory Committee, and as an advisor to the University at Buffalo's Collaboratory for a Regenerative Economy Initiative.

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