

Hello, my name is Eugene Crisler' EI. I am the Community Organizer for MOSES. I come here today not just as a representative of MOSES, but also as a directly impacted individual who has resided in the Jail- MOSES supports the 10 board-adopted goals of the Jail Consolidation Project. I also personally support the goals because of my experience inside the Jail. I have resided in the Dane County Jail long enough to know how it operates and what improvements need to be made.

The CCB isn't a place that you can fix with a can of paint. The conditions have been inhumane for years. Taking showers is like bathing in a sewage drain. Having an outdated facility results in outdated operations for staff. A new facility would create a better environment for both residents and staff.

I believe that resolution #556 and resolution #180 speak volumes as to what should be the purpose and steps needed for the criminal- justice system reform in Dane County. Addressing the disparities for people of color and individuals' mental health needs, should match the attention that is being given to the jail's construction. Diverting people from the jail to the proper facilities would help to reduce costs and would help to address issues of racial disparities in our city. This would also minimize the inhumane treatment from care services staff who mistreat and abuse residents who need and deserve medical attention, no matter the reason why they are in custody. I have witnessed and have been treated in this way, and I have been disregarded as a lost cause.

This evening I ask the committee to not eliminate critical elements of the project, regardless of the number of floors in the final plan. Please consider in-person visitation which had been publicly promised in response to community concerns. (*you might want to say something about why in-person visitation is important*) Moving forward with the 10 goals of the Jail Consolidation Project would alleviate tension in the jail for residents, and for staff who are forced to put up with an inhumane and outdated Jail 24 hours a day 7 days a week.