

1 **2021 RES-381**

2 **DANE COUNTY ELECTION SECURITY REVIEW COMMITTEE**

3 The January 6<sup>th</sup> insurrection at the nation's capital, threats against election officials in Wisconsin  
4 and around the country, and ongoing disinformation and conspiracy theories have resulted in an  
5 unprecedented threat to our democracy. Wisconsin has become ground zero for attempts to  
6 discredit election administration and sow doubt in election results.

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8 In light of a coordinated effort nationally and in Wisconsin to spread disinformation about the  
9 November 2020 election and future elections and to discredit election officials, the Dane County  
10 Clerk and the Dane County Board have initiated a review of the County's security posture.

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12 A Dane County Election Security Review Committee should be created to review the current  
13 security posture of the Dane County election infrastructure, both physical and virtual, county and  
14 municipal, and to make recommendations on needed improvements, if necessary, in time for the  
15 2022 election cycle. The committee will consider the full range of election security issues, to  
16 include not only safety of election staff, but also the security of materials and equipment, and  
17 identification of future threats.

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19 The committee will be comprised of professionals from the community and from County staff,  
20 including county and municipal officials engaged in the election process, county technical and  
21 administrative staff, law enforcement, and an expert from the University of Wisconsin-Madison  
22 Election Center.

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24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors establishes  
25 the Election Security Review Committee to:

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- 27 • Review the physical location of election materials and equipment and evaluate its safety;
  - 28 • Evaluate the security of County servers and election equipment and efforts to prevent  
29 online interference, both foreign and domestic;
  - 30 • Review secure procedures and protocols and compare to best practices for both County  
31 and municipal election partners;
  - 32 • Review the security of election staff and clerks countywide; and
  - 33 • Evaluate potential future threats to our election security and to our democracy.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 9-member committee be appointed as follows:

- 35 • The Dane County Clerk;
- The Dane County Sheriff, or his designee

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- 37 • A staff member of the Dane County Division of Information Management, appointed by  
38 the County Executive;
- 39 • A staff member of the Dane County Department of Administration, appointed by the  
40 County Executive;
- 41 • Three Dane County Municipal Clerks, jointly appointed by the County Board Chair and the  
42 County Clerk;
- 43 • A representative of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Election Center, jointly appointed  
44 by the County Board Chair and the County Clerk; and
- 45 • A member of the Executive Committee, appointed by the County Board Chair.

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47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee will complete its review and deliver a report to  
48 the County Clerk, the County Executive, and the Executive Committee by May 2022, and will  
49 sunset by July 31, 2022.

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51 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Office of the County Clerk will provide staff support to the  
52 committee.