

1 Sub 2. 2018 RES-420 AMENDED
2 URGING ALLOCATION OF SPACE FOR SPIRITUAL CONTEMPLATION
3 IN THE CONSOLIDATED DANE COUNTY JAIL
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5 In 2017, Dane County approved the consolidation of its three jail facilities into a single
6 building.
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8 The consultants Mead and Hunt are currently designing a consolidated jail. The consolidated
9 jail will have almost 100 fewer beds than three existing facilities. It will also include space for
10 medical services, youthful inmate housing, and programs and activities.
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12 There has been recent discussion of the importance of communal services/activities for
13 those who are incarcerated, to meet their psychological, social and emotional needs. It is
14 important for the consolidated jail to have a space available for personal growth programs or
15 other group activities, e.g. tutoring, religious gatherings, mutual support groups, group study,
16 parenting, etc., and the design of such a space should take into account the desire to be
17 inclusive. The space shall be decorated and maintained in a manner that does not favor one
18 group or use over any other.
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20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dane County Board of Supervisors
21 recognizes the right of people who are incarcerated to have equitable access to attend
22 personal growth programs including: communal spiritual services/activities according to their
23 respective traditions and practices in compliance with federal guidelines, tutoring, recovery
24 groups, support groups, parenting, anger management, etc. and hereby urge the Sheriff work
25 with his office and relevant consultants, along with Mead and Hunt, to ensure that space for
26 personal growth programs is included in the design and construction of the consolidated jail.