

1 SUB 1 to 2018 RES-420  
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 building.  
6 The consultants Mead and Hunt are currently designing a structure to be located on West Wilson  
7 Street to adjoin the Public Safety Building. ~~The consolidated jail will have almost 100 fewer beds~~  
8 ~~than the three existing facilities. It will also include space for medical services, youthful inmate~~  
9 ~~housing, and programs and activities.~~

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12 There has been recent discussion of the importance of communal spiritual services/activities  
13 ~~reflection~~ for those who are incarcerated, to meet their psycho-social, spiritual and emotional  
14 needs and lift their spirits. It is important for the consolidated jail to have a space available for the  
15 practice of all spiritual traditions, as well as other personal growth programs, e.g. tutoring,  
16 recovery groups, parenting, etc, and the design of such a space should take into account the  
17 desire to be inclusive. ~~While some have advocated for inclusion of a chapel in the design of the~~  
18 ~~new facility, others point out that a broader and more inclusive conception of a spiritual space~~  
19 ~~would be appropriate.~~

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22 ~~The design of the consolidated jail must balance competing needs. It may be necessary for a~~  
23 ~~multi-purpose space to serve as a place of contemplation at scheduled times, rather than being~~  
24 ~~available solely for this use.~~

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27 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dane County Board of Supervisors recognizes  
28 the right of people who are incarcerated to have equitable access to attend personal and/or  
29 communal spiritual services/activities according to their respective spiritual traditions and  
30 practices and in compliance with Federal guidelines; and hereby urge ~~expresses our desire that~~  
31 the Sheriff work with his office and any relevant consultants, along with Mead and Hunt, to ensure  
32 that space for communal spiritual practices is included in ~~identify ways to accommodate space~~  
33 ~~for this activity within the design and construction of the consolidated jail~~