

2015-2017 DANE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

General Principles

The unique role counties play in administering state programs---human services, transportation, the environment, surface and ground waters, health, the justice system and other state-mandated services---must be recognized:

1. The state must fairly share responsibility with the counties in determining the scope, design and cost of statewide programs;
2. The state must provide an adequate and predictable share of funding for state services delivered by the counties;
3. The state must help counties reduce the need to rely on property taxes; and
4. The state should enhance the ability of counties to more effectively manage county government.
5. The state shall perform a biennial review of all mandated programs to determine continued need for the programs and annually review all mandated programs funded at 50% or less.

Eliminate Racial Disparities

The elimination of racial disparities and the elevation of racial equity are among the most important priorities and responsibilities of Dane County. Specific areas that help alleviate racial disparities include Youth Initiatives, Education, Prevention, Employment, Criminal Justice, Health Care, Housing, Transportation, Economic Development, Contracting and Service Delivery.

In order to impact the current state and community crisis, we must be deliberate and proactive in our public policy response.

- 1) Juvenile Justice: Support continued funding for early intervention and intensive treatment programs.
- 2) Career Development for Youth: Support funding to provide educational, work skill development, transportation and mentoring services for youth or young adults who are at risk of dropping out, have dropped out of high school or who are unemployed post high school and lack the knowledge and skills necessary to secure and maintain gainful employment.
- 3) Early Childhood Initiative: Support legislation to continue funding for the Early Childhood Initiative programs.
- 4) Apprenticeship/Internships: Encourage the business community and technical college system to create and support apprenticeship/internship opportunities to unemployed post high school young adults.
- 5) 17 Year Olds: Remove 17 year olds from the adult correctional system and return them to Juvenile Courts and Juvenile Corrections.
- 6) Countywide Youth Collaboration: Create two pilot programs funded at \$100,000 to foster countywide collaborative actions with School Districts, Law Enforcement Task Forces (drug, gang....). County Human Services, Sheriff, District Attorney, Community Youth Service Organizations and target services for all students, including parole activities.
- 7) Prevention Funding: Support initiatives that provide additional funds for primary prevention programs including delinquency, child abuse/neglect and elder/abuse neglect.
- 8) Youth Programs: Support continuation and expansions of programs focusing on prevention of delinquency, alcohol and other drug use, child abuse and neglect and domestic violence. Support increased funding and support for youth after school programs, especially at the middle school level.
- 9) Youth Aids: Support legislation to increase state funding for out-of-home care costs for juvenile offenders now paid for by Dane County. Limit increases in state rates for out of home placements for juveniles (including corrections, child caring institutions and residential care facilities) to no more than the increase in Youth Aids.
- 10) Relative Caregivers: Support legislation/policies that provide additional State support to relatives who take care of non-custodial children.

- 55 11) Dental Access: Support policies and/or legislation that would ensure access to dental care for all
56 residents including those on Medical Assistance.
- 57 12) Voter Registration Changes and Voter Identification Requirement: Oppose legislation which changes
58 same day voter registration, alters times for absentee ballot voting and requires photo identification to vote.
- 59 13) Support Wisconsin's Successful System of Election Day Voter Registration: Support Election Day voter
60 registration and urge Wisconsin Legislature to maintain the current system.
- 61 14) Regional Transit Authority (RTA): Maintain statutory language to allow creation of a Regional Transit
62 Authority/Authorities covering at a minimum the federally-designated Metropolitan Planning Area, and support
63 statutory language to allow up to a half-cent sales tax which would go to citizens for a binding referendum, be
64 contingent on receiving federal transit funds and RTA governance/operating structure would be determined
65 after consultation with community partners participating in the RTA. Support that sales tax funds are used for
66 commuter rail, bus transit, emergency/disabled transportation, local road and county highway PROJECTS.
- 67 15) State Audit Probation & Parole Program: Request the Legislative Audit Bureau to analyze Wisconsin's
68 probation and parole program for effectiveness and efficiencies; to identify improvements in procedures to
69 streamline the revocation process in order to reduce days in jail; and compare the Wisconsin program to other
70 states.
- 71 16) Prisoner Re-Entry: Adequately fund prisoner community re-entry programs to increase success and
72 effectiveness.
- 73 17) Youth Courts: Support and fund Youth Courts in Wisconsin High Schools.
- 74 18) Close Public Defender Eligibility Gap: Support changing Public Defender eligibility levels to the same
75 level as eligibility for appointed counsel to eliminate the gap that currently requires the court to appoint counsel
76 at county expense.
- 77 19) Minority Outreach: Support state-sponsored outreach to communities about available support services.
- 78 20) Income Maintenance Programs: Support funding levels and legislation that provide sufficient resources
79 to administer non-cash benefit programs such as Food Stamps, Medical Assistance, Child Care and issue
80 benefits to all eligible people. Oppose changes to the eligibility/enrollment process and services funded under
81 Medicaid and Income Maintenance.
- 82 21) Restrictions on Local Fair Housing Ordinances: Oppose legislation that impinges on the rights of
83 tenants by allowing landlords to discriminate based on a tenant's income, occupation, rental history, credit
84 information, arrest/conviction history and Social Security number.
- 85 22) Wisconsin's Fair Employment Act: Oppose permitting an employer to refuse to employ, bar or
86 terminate from employment an individual who has been convicted of a felony and who has not been pardoned
87 for that felony, and pre-empting local government from adopting ordinances concerning employment
88 discrimination based on arrest or conviction records that prohibit activity allowed under the state Fair
89 Employment Act.
- 90 23) Landlord Regulation: Repeal 2011 WI Act 108, which prohibits local government ordinances that place
91 limits or requirements on landlords (Fair Housing Ordinance). Repeal 2011 WI Act 143, which prohibits a local
92 government from imposing a moratorium on eviction actions and amends/creates new provisions that benefit
93 landlords including but not limited to allowing: landlord discretion in disposing/storing of medical/personal
94 items; landlords to withhold a tenant's security deposit or portion of for damages, unpaid rent/utility bills; and
95 severability of rental agreements. Repeal 2011-2012 budget bill provision which deletes landlord foreclosure
96 notice.
- 97 24) Minimum wage: Enacted 11/4/14 Referendum Ballot question, "Should the State of Wisconsin increase
98 the minimum wage to \$10.10 per hour?" Dane County voters this item yes and no.
- 99 25) Medicaid Expansion: Support implementation of the Medicaid expansion under the federal Affordable
100 Care Act (ACA). Allow Wisconsin to use the Medicaid option to close the gap in BadgerCare for childless
101 adults. If WI closes the gap, full federal funding will be available for three years 2014-2016, followed by
102 gradual reductions to 90% by 2020. ACA creates other innovative benefits and programs that states and
103 counties will help to implement, including a new mandatory coverage group for young adults who leave foster
104 care up to the age of 26 years old.
- 105 26) County Jail: Support full state funding for probation/parole holds; continued support for the Treatment
106 Alternative Program (TAP); more funding for incarceration alternatives; support Justice Impact Statements.
- 107 27) Court Interpreters: Support appointing court interpreters to all cases regardless of indigency and
108 support an increase in state funding for reimbursement to counties for interpreter services.

109 28) Wisconsin Community Justice Reinvestment Act: Support creation of WCJRA to provide sentencing
110 judges with more effective treatment options while reducing the prison population and sharing the savings with
111 counties to fund local criminal justice/treatment programs.
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113 **Criminal Justice and Public Safety**

- 116 1) State Court System: Increase state funding of the circuit court system, including court security.
- 117 2) Victim-Witness Program: Support full state funding of program costs.
- 118 3) Child Support: Request the Legislature designate additional state monies to the Wisconsin County
119 Child Support Program in order to continue to provide the current high level of service.
- 120 4) EMS Services: Support legislation that encourages financial support of volunteers in emergency
121 medical services and that address liability issues and professional standards. Support state reimbursement for
122 radio frequency and upgrade requirements.
- 123 5) Clerk of Court Fees: Pursue statutory changes to increase the county share of fines/forfeitures.
- 124 6) License Fee: Support \$12 for driver's license suspension if the fee is payable by the defendant.
- 125 7) Communications Surcharge for 911 Systems: Support legislation that authorizes surcharges on
126 telephones, both for landline/wireless phones and any current/future communications technology that accesses
127 the 911 system. Surcharges would be used to defray the property tax cost of operation and equipment for
128 local 911 systems. Remove the Sunset clause within WI Act 48 and include personnel/operational costs as an
129 allowable cost under the surcharge. Provide local government access to landline surcharge funds.
- 130 8) Recording Fees: Support legislation that allows counties to re-coup the cost of locating/recording 911
131 records for individuals when the costs of searching/recording those records exceed \$25. Current statutes
132 prohibit counties from recouping the cost when the cost exceeds \$50.
- 133 9) Conceal and Carry Weapons: Provide an exclusion for the facilities and grounds of the Alliant Energy
134 Center, "Weapons may not be carried onto the grounds, parking lots or areas associated with convention,
135 entertainment and sporting facilities nor brought into venues where the public assembles for tradeshow,
136 demonstrations, conventions, consumer shows, entertainment, sporting or educational events, including zoos,
137 convention centers, arenas, horse arenas, hockey arenas, concert and sporting venues for public assembly
138 events, including when those facilities are used for private events."; oppose weapons in institutions of higher
139 learning, public schools, child care facilities, community centers and health care facilities; and amend conceal
140 and carry legislation to increase all fee amounts to provide County Sheriffs with sufficient funds to administer
141 the conceal and carry law.
- 142 10) First Responder Training: Require training for first responders (police officers, paramedics...) on
143 appropriate procedures for identifying, assisting and interacting with older adults who may have complications
144 from abuse, dementia, mental health or other disorders.
- 145 11) Domestic Violence: Support state funding for domestic violence prevention, intervention and
146 prosecution, including funding for three ADA positions dedicated to domestic violence, and shelter services.
- 147 12) Fee Increase for Jury Trial: Support legislation to increase the fee for a jury trial from \$6 to \$15. The
148 funding is needed to offset increases in juror compensation.
- 149 13) Prisoner Hospitalization: Oppose any legislation that would reverse/overturn the WI Supreme Court
150 ruling on the Meriter case. Update the statutory language regarding prisoner hospitalization.
- 151 14) Industrial Hemp: Support legalizing the production of industrial hemp.
- 152 15) District Attorney Funding: Support increased state funding for more Assistant District Attorney positions
153 to meet growing caseloads.
- 154 16) Criminal Background Check: Support additional funds to the Department of Justice to enable the
155 conducting of uniform criminal background checks of to-be-hired direct care workers by public and non-profit
156 agencies.
- 157 17) Emergency Communications Interoperability: Enact local and state communication networks for
158 disaster events and fund through State grants.
- 159 18) Interstate Traffic Tickets: Amend State Statutes allowing Wisconsin to join the Interstate Compact on
160 Traffic Forfeitures to facilitate collection of out of state traffic violators and capture a needed revenue source for
161 the state and county.
- 162 19) Multi-line Telephone System (MLTS) calls to 911: Support legislation requiring owner/operators of
163 these systems to deliver to Wisconsin 9-1-1 Centers precise location information instead of merely the

164 “headquarters office” location and call-back numbers now delivered when callers from their system dial 9-1-1
165 seeking aid.

166 20) Support Gun Control: Ban habitual criminals from obtaining concealed carry permits, make the
167 purchase of a firearm for someone who is prohibited from possessing a firearm a felony, make the possession
168 of a concealed firearm by those prohibited under Wisconsin law a felony and require that private gun sales be
169 subject to criminal background checks performed by a federally licensed gun dealer.

170 21) Mental Health Screenings: Support and fund mental health screening and treatment for inmates in
171 county juvenile detention, shelter homes and county jails.

172 Human Services

173 General Issues

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176 1) Key Funding Streams: Support Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increases in key funding areas from
177 the state including Youth Aids, Community Aids, COP and CIP.

178 Economic Assistance

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181 1) W-2 Funding: Support funding to pay all W-2 cash benefits and administrative expenses

182 2) TANF Childcare: Support sufficient funding for TANF childcare. Expand eligibility to include childcare
183 support for low-income individuals pursuing higher education leading to employment.

184 3) Homeless Services: Provide additional State funding for services to assist individuals, unaccompanied
185 youth and families who are homeless.

186 4) Property Tax Exemptions Low Income Housing: Clarify 70.11 Wis. Stats. to define “maintenance” as
187 “repair and maintenance of property, capital replacements, insurance premiums, project management, debt
188 retirement, project-related reserves, general administrative expenses, resident services, utilities, financing
189 costs, preservation expenses and similar project-related expenses.”

190 5) Centralization of Economic Support Programs: Oppose initiatives to remove income maintenance
191 administration from counties and create a centralized income maintenance unit.

192 6) Medicaid Funding: Support enabling counties to accept/administer Medicaid funding at the county
193 level.

194 7) Medicaid Expansion Funding: Enacted referendum question for 11/4/14 ballot, “Shall Governor &
195 Legislature accept available federal funds for BadgerCare to ensure that thousands of Wisconsin citizens have
196 access to quality and affordable health coverage?” Dane County voters this item in 11/4/14 general
197 election, yes and no.

198 Services to Older Adults, the Developmentally/Physically Disabled and Mentally Ill

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201 1) Birth to Three: Support additional financial support from the state for this program. Support a
202 modification of State Statutes to require health insurers to make third party payments to defray the cost of Birth
203 to Three care for families that have private health insurance policies.

204 2) Community Support Program (CSP): Continue program. Have additional state funding to help reduce
205 county costs and serve those whom can benefit from the program.

206 3) RSVP Services: Support increased funding for the RSVP Program

207 4) Seniorcare and BadgerCare: Maintain Seniorcare and BadgerCare continuing programs.

208 5) Handicap Access: Support “visit ability” legislation to allow handicap access devices in new homes or
209 eliminate barriers in older homes.

210 6) Long Term Care Reform: Plans developed by the state in the area of long term care need to protect
211 quality and availability of services to consumers and maintain control by the county of programs or relieve the
212 county of financial aid and/or legal obligations for the programs and participants if the county is not involved
213 with these programs in the future. The required county contribution towards LTC should be equitably
214 negotiated. Support adequate funding for the start-up and ongoing funding of ADRCs. Amend Chapter 55 to
215 delineate state and county responsibilities.

216 7) Equitable Funding for Long Term Care: Extend higher federal MA reimbursement rates under the
217 federal stimulus package to current county-administered long term care MA waiver programs where county
218 revenues comprise the non-federal match. Support freezing further county participation in Family Care until

219 the State can fully fund county program start-up costs and find more equitable ways of funding Family Care
220 without penalizing counties, such as Dane, for the substantial financial commitment and innovative approaches
221 already taken to meet long term care needs of its residents.”

222 8) Employment Services for Older Adults: Extend the use of state funds to encourage the business
223 community and technical colleges to create and support retraining and placement of older adults entering/re-
224 entering employment, especially those lacking English proficiency.

225 9) Family Caregivers: Provide financial support and tax credits to family caregivers.

226 10) Dementia Patient Rights: Oppose legislation to impose new guardianship requirements, involuntary
227 psychotropic drug administration and emergency detention requirements in Chapters 51 and 55.

228 Programs to Serve Children, Youth and Families

230 1) Kinship Care: Support funding to meet needs of all that are eligible.

231 2) Wisconsin Medicaid Cost Reporting (WIMCR): Eliminate WIMCR program or fully reimburse counties
232 for the revenues they would have received under the Community Services Deficit Reduction Benefit (CSDRB)
233 and Community Based Medicaid Administrative Claiming (CBMAC) programs which were impacted by the
234 creation of WIMCR.

235 3) Family Child Care: Support legislation to extend the state rules governing foster care background
236 checks to family day care providers.

237 4) At-Risk Youth Report to School Board: Develop a program for newly released at- risk students to
238 interact with/give progress reports to school boards.

240 Public Health Services

241 1) Response to Local Public Health Emergencies: Support legislation that recognizes the critical role of
242 local Public Health Departments in responding to public health emergencies and provides adequate funding to
243 respond to all threats to public health.

244 2) Public Health Prevention: Support initiatives that maintain the integrity and effectiveness of public
245 health prevention services.

246 3) Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease: Support the WI Department of Health and Family Services in its efforts to
247 amend the administrative code to include Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease as a reportable disease.

248 4) Medical Marijuana: Support legislation allowing residents with debilitating medical conditions to acquire
249 and possess marijuana for medical purposes if supported by their physician. Dane County voters approved
250 this item in 11/2/10 general election, 75.49% yes and 24.50% no.

251 5) Women’s Health Care: Repeal all state laws that prohibit women from having access to safe and legal
252 abortions, that don’t protect women’s health and don’t ensure a woman’s dignity, equality and autonomy.

253 Veteran Services

254 1) Armed Forces: Support the Dane County soldiers who are presently serving. Support protecting
255 families and jobs rather than utilizing precious resources and funds to wage a war.

256 2) VFW Halls: Support a property tax exemption for chartered veterans’ organizations.

257 3) Property Tax Credit: Eliminate the 65 year old age limit, drop the disability rating from 100% to 30% or
258 greater, and allow 10 consecutive years of Wisconsin residency after separation (this expands eligibility to
259 veteran applicants whose home of record was not Wisconsin).

260 4) Trust Fund: Support an increase from state GPR to help stabilize the Trust Fund so veterans will no
261 longer pay for their own benefits and programs. The Trust Fund is financed through veteran programs such as
262 personal and home loans.

263 5) Wisconsin GI Bill: Fully fund the Wisconsin GI Bill without any limitations on eligibility.

264 6) State Funding for the Veteran Trust Fund: Support increased funding in the State budget bill to insure
265 solvency of the Veterans Trust Fund including but not limited to, the exploration of permanent state funding for
266 the WI Dept. of Veteran Affairs and the veteran programs/benefits that the Department oversees.

267 7) Ending Veteran Homelessness: Support ending veteran homelessness by 2015 through maximizing
268 state and federal resources and streamlining local housing processes.

Transportation, Land Use and the Environment

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276 1) Water Quality: Maintain level of DNR funds for water quality planning and watershed projects. Support
277 increased DNR financial assistance as an incentive to reduce non point source pollution. Seek a fair share of
278 state funding for inland waterways and lakes. Target state funds to where there is a high likelihood of project
279 success, where recipient units of government have a proven track record of meeting state and local water
280 resource goals. Support legislation to provide additional funding and staffing for local water quality protection,
281 improvement and unfunded mandates.
- 282 2) Local Transportation: Support a greater share of state and federal transportation funding going toward
283 local transportation needs and services. Funding should be increased for General Transportation Aids, State
284 Highway Maintenance, the County Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) and Specialized Transportation for
285 older adults and persons with disabilities. Require "farmland mitigation" for highway improvement projects. In
286 addition, funding formulas that discriminate against urban counties should be revised and the local match (now
287 50%) for CHIPS should be decreased.
- 288 Support state-federal funding for Amtrak service to Milwaukee and Madison. Support continued state funding
289 for further planning and implementation of a commuter rail system and regional bus links to outlying
290 communities in Dane County. Also, support increased funding for Transport 2020 and rail rehabilitation and
291 purchases.
- 292 Support state/federal funding for the Midwest Regional Rail Initiative.
- 293 3) Bicycle Trail Funding: Work with Legislators and State Agencies to obtain transportation aids for
294 bicycle trails with significant commuter traffic. Support allowing bike path maintenance costs to be eligible for
295 transportation aids. Support the creation and development of a statewide Bike Trail Task Force. Integrate
296 bicycle transportation into future commuter transportation systems.
- 297 4) Regional Trail System: Request DNR assistance in development of regional trail systems.
- 298 5) Highway Workers Safety: Earmark a portion of every state construction/maintenance contract to fund
299 increased local law enforcement in construction/maintenance zones.
- 300 6) Soil Erosion: Support DNR and/or legislative streamlining of NR297 process to deal more quickly with
301 cropland soil erosion that threatens water resources. Control soil erosion to acceptable limits, e.g., tolerable
302 soil loss levels, for the production of food and fiber. Support DATCP Soil and Water Resource Management
303 programs implementation, e.g., NR243 cost sharing and Land and Water Resource Management Plan
304 implementation and cost sharing.
- 305 7) Recycling: Support long-term state funding for state's recycling program. Support continued state
306 efforts to expand markets for recycled materials. Amend statutes to allow local governments or other entities
307 to receive more than one state grant for innovative demonstration projects.
- 308 8) Landfill Siting: Allow municipalities to replace existing public landfills without a new DNR needs
309 determination. Amend statutes to modify landfill negotiation-mediation process to include counties as an
310 appropriate governing body for the approval of negotiated agreements. Amend statutes to prohibit the
311 construction of landfills until the mediation-negotiating process is complete.
- 312 9) Cleansweep: Support increased state/federal funding for household and Ag Clean Sweep.
- 313 10) Boating Laws: Support legislation making fines and associated penalties for drunken boating
314 commensurate with those for drunken driving.
- 315 11) Stewardship Fund: Support annually adjusting the State Stewardship Fund for inflation to maintain at
316 least 1990 funding levels. Eliminate Stewardship Fund requirements for hunting and trapping.
- 317 12) State Urban Forestry Grants: Allow towns, counties, and non-profits to access both the federal and
318 state funds in the Urban Forestry Grant Program.
- 319 13) Payments in Lieu of Taxes: Authorize counties to make payments in lieu of taxes to other local units of
320 government when the county takes land off the tax rolls for conservation purposes.
- 321 14) Holding Tanks as Systems of Last Resort: Support changes in statutes and administrative rules that
322 oppose using holding tanks except as a last resort for new and replacement septic systems. Modify rules and
323 statutes to ensure funding from the Wisconsin Fund is for the least costly systems, excluding holding tanks,
324 unless a holding tank is the system of last resort.
- 325 15) Revise Formula for DATCP Administrative Funding to Counties: Support a revision in the formula the
326 Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) uses to distribute administrative funding
327 to counties for administration of the Farmland Preservation Program, Nutrient Management Program and the

328 implementation of performance standards. Use criteria for distribution that include number of farms, acres of
329 cropland, number of livestock and amount of resource waters in a county.

330 16) State Commercial Building Code: Support the exemption from the state Commercial Building Code of
331 farm buildings used for agricultural purposes or horse boarding/stabling facilities.

332 17) Fair Motorboat Gas Tax Allocation: Support legislation to fairly allocate motorboat fuel tax through a
333 more equitable distribution formula.

334 18) Stormwater Utility: Amend the WI Stats. to allow counties to create and manage a stormwater utility.

335 19) Mercury Products Ban: The State should ban the sale of mercury-containing products, with the
336 exception of dental fillings and fluorescent lamps. If the ban is implemented on a phased-in basis, retailers
337 should be required to take back for recycling those mercury-containing products that they are selling until the
338 ban for each product takes effect.

339 20) Boater Registration Act: Authorize the state to license, regulate, and require education/training for
340 operation of motorized watercraft.

341 21) Mercury Rules: Support changes to the mercury rules to achieve a 90% reduction per DNR rule.

342 22) Wisconsin Land Information Program: Support the continuation of the Wisconsin Land Information
343 Program and grants.

344 23) DNR Budget Reductions: Oppose reductions in DNR staffing that affect Dane County water programs
345 (water regulatory programs, lake/fishery, runoff specialists, conservation wardens and others).

346 24) Comprehensive Planning: Oppose legislation, which repeals the comprehensive planning statutes.

347 26) Power Plants: Support efforts to clean up dirty power plants.

348 27) Transmission Lines: Request the State supports an independent study of the need for additional high
349 voltage transmission lines through Dane County.

350 28) Takings Legislation: Oppose legislation that would require county government to compensate real
351 property owners for restricted use or loss of property value as a result of law or regulations.

352 29) Greenhouse Air Pollution: Reduce greenhouse air pollution by updating and implementing the
353 Governor's Global Warming Task Force recommendations and increasing funding for county energy efficiency
354 measures.

355 30) Airport Authority: Oppose legislation that takes airport governance away from county government and
356 gives it to a private/public airport authority.

357 31) American Transmission Company (ATC) Requirement: Urge Wisconsin Public Service Commission to
358 require ATC to construct power lines underground to protect Dane County economic and environmental
359 resources.

360 32) Reduce Fine Particle Emissions: Target fine particle pollution non-attainment areas by providing
361 increased funding and new incentives for fine particle emission reduction programs, including programs that
362 reduce emissions from transportation sources and point sources through the increased use of alternative fuels,
363 renewable energy sources, and energy efficiency improvements.

364 33) Diesel Idling Regulations: Support statewide implementation of diesel idling regulations for trucks,
365 buses and other diesel engines.

366 34) Comprehensive Approach to Control Lake Levels: Request the DNR to adopt a comprehensive
367 approach to managing the levels of the lakes through collaboration with affected parties, including dam
368 operators, municipalities and regulatory agencies."

369 35) Oppose State Increases in Landfill/Solid Waste Fees and Program Reductions: Oppose state
370 increases to the landfill recycling tipping fee and environmental repair fee. Oppose the elimination or reduction
371 of recycling and solid waste programs.

372 36) Verona Road Project: Support mitigation measures to lessen the impact of the Verona Road
373 construction project on surrounding neighborhoods and local businesses. Those measures include noise
374 barriers, monitoring air quality, preservation of commercial areas, minimizing impacts on established
375 neighborhoods, storm water management (steer away from Dunn's Marsh), and develop bike lanes,
376 pedestrian/bicycle bridges and sidewalks on frontage and neighborhood roads.

377 37) Alternative Energy Production: Support statewide funding in the form of grants and incentives leading
378 to the increased use of renewable energy sources such as wind, solar and biomass.

379 38) Green Jobs Economic Development: Support statewide funding in the form of grants or incentives, for
380 counties to develop, create and attract green job opportunities with green companies or industry.

- 381 39) Keep Asian Carp Out of Wisconsin Waterways: Call on the WI Department of Natural Resources and
382 the federal government to increase their efforts to stop the destructive advance of the Asian carp through
383 Wisconsin.
- 384 40) Mining Reform: Monitor mining reform legislation, oppose provisions that usurp local government role
385 and suspend floodplain rules that would nullify flood insurance and federal disaster assistance.
- 386 41) Renewable Energy: Oppose legislation that restricts or prevents waste-to-energy and renewable
387 energy as viable energy sources for utilities and consumers.
- 388 42) North Mendota Parkway: Oppose the construction of four lanes on Main Street (HWY 19) in
389 Waunakee. Support an update of the 2003 North Mendota Parkway traffic study, and request WIDOT to
390 consider how the proposed North Mendota Parkway, Hwy 19, CTH K, CTH M and Hwy 13 relate to each other
391 and Hwy 12. Support an implementation review of the "North E-Way".
- 392 43) Restore Funding for Soil & Water Resource Management Program: Return \$9.3 million to state aid for
393 county conservation employees who assist WI farmers and help grow the state's agriculture industry.
- 394 44) Clean Energy Choice: Support legislation to increase affordability/sustainability of renewable energy in
395 Wisconsin.
- 396 45) Divestment from Fossil Fuels: Support zero investments in fossil fuel companies for Dane County, all
397 local governments and state institutions.
- 398 46) Support Local Control of Erosion and Storm Water Management Standards: Oppose standardizing
399 regulation of construction site erosion, storm water management and prohibiting local governments from
400 enacting local ordinances that are stricter than statewide standards.
- 401 47) Support Local Control of Nonmetallic Mining: Oppose any state legislation that preempts local
402 governments from enacting their own nonmetallic mining regulations and oversight of air/water quality, highway
403 damage, noise and use contracts.
- 404 48) Update Wisconsin 2030 State Rail Plan: Support funding and planning for intercity rail serving Dane
405 County and Madison and urge WIDOT to work with Minnesota DOT on Milwaukee-Twin Cities High Speed Rail
406 Study.

Local Government Services

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- 411 1) Shared Revenue: Support additional funding for the County Mandate Relief Fund; allow counties to be
412 credited for 100% (now 85%) of local purpose revenues. Oppose elimination of Small Municipalities Shared
413 Revenue program. Support a county expenditure restraint program; and oppose the imposition of cost controls
414 on counties.
- 415 2) Fees/Licenses: State-set fees collected by counties should fairly cover administrative costs.
- 416 3) Libraries: Enforce compliance with WI Stats. 43.24(6) which require state funding for public library
417 systems at 13% of local library expenditures.
- 418 4) Elections: Support state funding for costs of state elections.
- 419 5) Legislative Mandates: Oppose any state or federal legislation or rules/regulations promulgated by
420 federal or state agencies that would require counties to provide a service or administer any program without
421 adequate and on-going funding; support creation of a Joint Survey Committee on Local Mandates. Support
422 legislation to allow waivers from state mandates.
- 423 6) Association Memberships: Amend WI Stats. 59.07(27) to require a simple majority vote of the county
424 board of supervisors to purchase membership in an association of county boards.
- 425 7) Utility Deregulation: Oppose any deregulation that leads to higher consumer rates. Any attempts to
426 restructure the delivery of electricity should address: reliability of electrical service, equitable benefits to large
427 and small rate payers, the social and environmental impacts of restructuring and the ability of counties to
428 aggregate to purchase electricity.
- 429 8) Election Reporting Requirements: State election law requires state candidates to report all contributions
430 larger than \$500 made within 15 days of an election to be reported within 24 hours of receipt. Amend the
431 statute to apply to county non-partisan elections and lower the threshold for these elections to \$100. Also
432 require that these reports be delivered or faxed directly (instead of just postmarked) to the county clerk within
433 the 24 hour time period.

434 State election law requires that campaign finance reports include the name, address, and place of employment
435 of any individual whose cumulative annual contributions total more than \$100. Amend the statutes to set a
436 lower threshold than \$100 for local elections.

437 9) Elections Board: Support legislation that would provide for county authority to create and administer an
438 elections board modeled after statutory language authorizing county ethics boards.

439 10) Electronic Filing: Support legislation that allows counties the option to require electronic filing for
440 county campaigns.

441 11) Room Tax: Amend the room tax statutes to include counties.

442 12) Alliant Energy Center District: Provide enabling legislation or a grandfather clause within the Wisconsin
443 Center District and Bradley Center agreement to extend the same authority to the Alliant Energy Center.

444 13) County Board Elections: Change the state statutes requiring County Board members to be sworn in on
445 the third Tuesday to allow the seating of temporary Board members until a recount is completed.

446 14) Preferential Voting: Support giving local governments the opportunity to adopt preferential voting for
447 nonpartisan elections and guaranteeing trustworthy electronic voting systems.

448 15) TABOR/Property Tax Freeze: Urge state to pay for required programs to reduce property tax growth,
449 not pass more constitutional amendments.

450 16) Offshore Contracting: Oppose the practice of contracting state of Wisconsin government functions or
451 services to overseas companies/operations.

452 17) Local Government Control: Oppose any legislation that limits or deletes local government control
453 including opposition to levy limits and support for county home rule authority.

454 18) Reverse Marriage Ban: Support a constitutional amendment to delete the marriage ban amendment
455 adopted in the Fall '06 General Election.

456 19) Domestic Partnership Benefits: Continue to allow local governments to provide domestic partner
457 benefits.

458 20) State Contracts: Require the State to award contracts to vendors that extend spousal benefits to
459 include employees in domestic partner relationships.

460 21) Local Runoff Voting: Support allowing local governments the option of instituting instant runoff voting.

461 22) Manufactured Housing: Support legislation to amend state statutes to require adequate notice to
462 residents when mobile home parks are closing, require storm cellars/secure areas in manufactured housing
463 communities, encourage WHEDA to provide funding/financing for the purchase of housing on leased land,
464 remove any barriers to long term leases, allow the purchase of communities by residents and the development
465 of co-operative housing for manufactured housing communities.

466 23) Grant Program Continuity: Require that when the state awards contracts or otherwise funds a project,
467 the state should require sustainability as one criterion in the decision-making or contract selection process.

468 24) Buy Local: Provide and maintain state funding to create incentives for businesses and all levels of
469 government to buy local produce and products.

470 25) Arts Funding: Support increased funding for the arts across Wisconsin.

471 26) Restore Impact Fee Authority: Restore counties to the governmental entities that are authorized to levy
472 impact fees.

473 27) Affordable Housing Trust Fund: Support enabling legislation to allow Dane County to create an
474 Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

475 28) Dangerous Animals and Vicious Dog Ordinance: Amend state law to allow counties to enact stricter
476 ordinances to regulate dangerous animals and vicious dogs having countywide applicability.

477 29) Comprehensive School Funding Reform: Support changes in the school aid formula to align revenues
478 with educational costs. Distribute resources in accordance with the diverse needs of students and districts to
479 ensure every student receives a quality education. Support moving school funding away from reliance on
480 property taxes.

481 30) Support Wisconsin Workers' Rights to Organize and Collectively Bargain: Dane County is committed to
482 a fair and respectful bargaining process and in bargaining in good faith with our employees, even if state
483 statutes no longer require collective bargaining between Dane County and its employees. Oppose attacks on
484 workers' rights.

485 31) Population Change: Dane is nearing the 500,000 population mark. Support legislation to address
486 issues within the state statutes that pertain to counties with a population of 500,000 or more (Milwaukee
487 County) by changing the population figure to 750,000 or more throughout the state statutes. There are 160

provisions in state law that apply to counties that size. One of the most problematic provisions, the state takeover of Dane County child welfare services, would cost county taxpayers \$58.8 million.

32) In-State Tuition for Immigrants: Support restoring the law for in-state tuition for state residents who graduated from a Wisconsin High School, but lack proper immigration documentation.

33) Flood Insurance Threat: Oppose any proposal to suspend state floodplain rules that nullify federal flood insurance and jeopardize federal disaster assistance for Wisconsin flood victims.

34) UW Cooperative Extension's Relationship with Dane County Extension Department and Wisconsin Idea Partnership: Support Wisconsin Idea Partnership to address funding reductions to UW System through the budget bill and the impacts that the Badger Partnership will create for UW Extension and its partnerships with county extension agencies, including the Dane County Extension Department.

35) Changes to Wisconsin Redistricting Statutes: Oppose changes to the redistricting process that allow the Wisconsin Legislature to develop a map of Congressional, Senatorial and Assembly districts prior to local government input regarding ward boundaries.

36) Collective Bargaining Rights: Support workers having the right to seek safe working conditions, benefits and fair pay through collective bargaining and oppose legislation that weakens it.

37) Online Retailers Sales Tax: Support legislation requiring online retailers with Wisconsin ties to collect and remit WI State and local sales tax.

38) Palermo's Worker Union: Support the Palermo Workers Union, endorse the consumer boycott campaign and urge UW Madison to support the boycott.

39) Reduce Holding Period for Unclaimed Animals from 7 to 3 Days: Change state law to reduce the unclaimed animal holding period from 7 to 3 days. This would shorten the County/Humane Society holding contract and allow the Dane County Humane Society to place an animal up for adoption much sooner.

40) Fair and Equitable Taxation: Support fair and equitable taxation without harming county revenue.

41) Public Funding for Elections: Support public funding/financing for local/state elections.

42) School Choice Expansion: Oppose any legislation/action to expand the voucher program or a similar facsimile in the Madison Metropolitan School District or in any Dane County school system.

43) Oppose Milwaukee County Board Reform: Oppose legislation which impedes the Milwaukee County Board from governing, budgeting and hiring staff through referendum and state law.

44) Tenants' Rights: Oppose legislation that prohibits local governments from enacting/enforcing ordinances that regulate landlord/tenant relations which enhance fairness in landlord/tenant relations, foster responsible property ownership and protect the safety & stability of neighborhoods

45) Collective Bargaining: Support legislation allowing local government the option to engage in collective bargaining with public sector employees.

46) UW Hospital & Clinics (UWHC): Support restoring the rights of workers at UWHC.

47) Student Debt: Support legislation to lower student debt by any means possible including refinancing loans, implementing tax breaks for those paying back the loans, reducing interest rates and ensuring tuition is affordable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors goes on record in support of these recommendations of the Executive Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Dane County Legislative Lobbyist be directed to pursue enactment of these legislative positions; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution is sent to the Governor, the Leadership of both Houses of the Legislature, Legislators representing Dane County, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.