

2019 RES-514
HONORING FORMER COUNTY BOARD CHAIR SHARON CORRIGAN

WHEREAS, Sharon Corrigan was first elected to the Dane County Board of Supervisors in 2010, representing District 26 in Middleton for five terms, the last three terms as Chair of the Dane County Board; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Corrigan championed many critical issues facing Dane County, including criminal justice reform and the nexus between behavioral health and justice system involvement, gathering Board support for systems change to reduce disparities and the number of people involved in the criminal justice system and the Dane County Jail; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Corrigan saw the need for an increased awareness of and solutions to the affordable housing crisis and homelessness, and in her time on the Board saw the Beacon Homeless Day Resource Center become a reality, and also facilitated the County's creation of an Affordable Housing Development Fund and more than \$24 million budgeted to it since; and

WHEREAS Ms. Corrigan embraced transparency, assuming the Chair as Dane County implemented a legislative management system to provide residents with easier access to County committee and Board agendas, and led the Engage Dane initiative to include the voices of all residents of Dane County; and

WHEREAS Ms. Corrigan has been a champion for equity in Dane County policy making and in the everyday work of the County, supporting the Board's launch of the Dane County Equity Initiative; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Corrigan responded to the ever-increasing demand on our natural resources and effects of climate change by leading efforts to address water quality, sustainability, and flooding issues in Dane County; and

WHEREAS, as an avid outdoor enthusiast, Ms. Corrigan spent most mornings walking in Pheasant Branch Conservancy and was able to oversee the largest conservation purchase in Dane County's history, adding 160 acres to the existing conservancy; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Corrigan encouraged women to seek election to local government posts, and presided over a Board that achieved gender parity in 2019; and

WHEREAS, during the entirety of her tenure on the County Board, Ms. Corrigan has led multiple phases of imagining, planning, and redeveloping the Alliant Energy Center, and on January 24, 2020, Sharon Corrigan resigned from the County Board and was subsequently appointed to serve as the Interim Director of the Alliant Energy Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dane County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes former Dane County Board Chair Sharon Corrigan for her ten years of service to the residents of Dane County, and her leadership as Board Chair; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to Sharon Corrigan as a token of the high esteem in which she is held by the Dane County Board.

Anaiiese Eicher, Dane County Board Chair

Signed and sealed before me
this ____ day of February, 2020

Scott McDonell, Dane County Clerk