

Explanation of Suggested Edits for Legislative Agenda, Personnel and Finance Committee

County Personnel, Finance, and Governance

- **State Mandates:** Used more generic language and combined language from “Legislative Mandates” section to reduce redundancies.
- **Fees/Licenses:** Changed language to be more consistent with language used throughout the document.
- **Association Memberships:** Generalize language because statutory reference has changed. Wis Stat 59.52(22) currently requires a 2/3 majority.
- **Alliant Energy Center District:** Suggest modifying to allow advocacy efforts on redevelopment of AEC Campus and building commission funding.
 - Suggested language: “Support state funding for capital projects on the Alliant Energy Center campus and support authorizing the creation of a taxing authority, known as the Alliant Energy Center District, to be used to repay bonds for the construction, maintenance and operations of campus facilities.”
- **TABOR/Property Tax Freeze:** Suggest generalizing the language. TABOR was 90s-era. This could be resurrected with a different name or in a different form.
 - Suggested language: “Oppose any efforts to limit or prohibit local governments from increasing their expenditures or revenues.”
- **Offshore Contracting:** Suggest combining the provision with Buy Local provision. Also suggest changing “overseas” to “out-of-state” to sound less xenophobic. (My understanding of the provision is to support the use of local and state businesses rather than to penalize or exclude business from other countries.)
- **Domestic Partnership Benefits/State Contracts:**
 - Update language in first provision because state has taken away local governments’ ability to provide domestic partner benefits.
 - Suggest combining with “State Contracts” because both provisions deal with domestic partner benefits.
- **Online Retailers Sales Tax:** Delete because achieved through Supreme Court decision.
- **Highway Workers Safety:** WCA is proposing a County Work Zone Safety package. Should this provision be changed to add “support innovative approaches to improve work zone safety” so that Dane Co. can be a part of advocacy efforts?
- **Prevailing Wage:** Update language to “restore” because prevailing wage authority was removed by legislature. Suggest striking explanatory language that isn’t necessary.
- **Support Wisconsin Workers’ Rights to Organize and Collectively Bargain:** suggest consolidating with “Collective Bargaining” section below.
- **Population Change:** Delete because change achieved in 2017 Act 207.
- **Collective Bargaining Rights:** Moved to Community/Workforce section because not related specifically to county employees’ bargaining rights. (See “Collective Bargaining” below.)
- **Collective Bargaining:** Moved from the “Support Workers Rights” section above the statement: “Dane County is committed to a fair and respectful bargaining process and in bargaining in good faith with our employees, even if state statutes no longer require collective bargaining between Dane County and its employees. Oppose attacks on workers’ rights.” However, this language is not necessary in this document so I suggest deleting. This statement is more policy for the County, rather than for the state.

- **Nonpartisan Redistricting:** Delete because duplicative. See new language from 2017 RES-056 below.
- **SUGGESTED ADDITION: Project Labor Agreements:** Legislature took away the right during the 2017 session and Board members seemed to oppose that action because it limits local control and prevents the County from more thoroughly vetting contractors and setting certain safety standards.