

4 **General Principle**  
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6 The state shall foster equitable and inclusive opportunities for all state  
7 residents by supporting and funding proactive, evidence-based programs  
8 and policies that advance the elimination of racial and socio-economic  
9 disparities and recognize the unique role counties play in administering state  
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- 12 1. Fairly sharing responsibility with the counties in determining the scope, design,  
13 and cost of statewide programs;
  - 14 2. Providing adequate and predictable shares of funding for state services  
15 delivered by the counties;
  - 16 3. Helping counties reduce the need to rely on property taxes; and
  - 17 4. Enhancing the ability of counties to more effectively manage county  
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20 In furthering these principles Dane County will assess policies via an analysis  
21 that asks:

- 22 Who benefits?  
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25 How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

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27 **Surface and Ground Water Quality**

- 28 • **Water Quality:** Maintain level of DNR funds for water quality planning and  
29 watershed projects. Support increased DNR financial assistance as an incentive  
30 to reduce non-point source pollution. Seek a fair share of state funding for inland  
31 waterways and lakes. Target state funds to where there is a high likelihood of  
32 project success, where recipient units of government have a proven track record  
33 of meeting state and local water resource goals. Support legislation to provide  
34 additional funding and staffing for local water quality protection, improvement and  
35 unfunded mandates.
- 36 • **Soil Erosion:** Support full implementation and funding of the state's water quality  
37 and established runoff pollution performance standards for agriculture, non-  
38 agriculture, and transportation facilities standards.
- 39 • **Stormwater Utility:** Amend the WI Stats. to allow counties to create and manage  
40 stormwater utility. Support Local Control of Erosion and Storm Water  
41 Management Standards. Oppose standardizing regulation of construction site  
42 erosion, storm water management and prohibiting local governments from  
43 enacting local ordinances that are stricter than statewide standards.
- 44 • **Comprehensive Approach to Control Lake Levels:** Request the DNR to adopt  
45 a comprehensive approach to managing the levels of the lakes through  
46 collaboration with affected parties, including dam operators, municipalities and  
47 regulatory agencies toward improving natural hydrologic conditions and habitat.  
48 To address recent flooding, support efforts to manage the Yahara Chain of  
49 Lakes, improve the volume of water leaving the Yahara River system, reduce  
50 stormwater runoff volumes through increased stormwater infiltration and better  
51 management of stormwater on impervious surfaces.
- 52 • **Keep Asian Carp Out of Wisconsin Waterways:** Call on the WI Department of  
53 Natural Resources and the federal government to increase their efforts to stop

- 54 the destructive advance of the Asian carp through Wisconsin.  
55 • **Mining Reform:** Monitor mining reform legislation, support provisions that  
56 restore local government role and suspend floodplain rules that would nullify  
57 flood insurance and federal disaster assistance.  
58 • **Water Management:** Support local governmental efforts to improve water  
59 management through water conservation, a balanced water budget and  
60 enhanced groundwater recharge.  
61 • **High-Capacity Wells:** Support science-based regulation of high-capacity wells  
62 that considers the individual and cumulative effects of high-capacity irrigation  
63 wells on nearby waterbodies.  
64 • **Public Trust Doctrine:** Oppose legislation that erodes the Public Trust Doctrine  
65 and DNR's ability to regulate navigable waters and wetlands.

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67 **Natural Resources Conservation**

- 68 • **Stewardship Fund:** Support ongoing appropriations for the state Stewardship  
69 Fund that are strong and annually adjusted for inflation. Eliminate Stewardship  
70 Fund requirements for hunting and trapping.  
71 • **State Urban Forestry Grants:** Allow towns, counties, and non-profits to access  
72 both the federal and state funds in the Urban Forestry Grant Program.  
73 • **Payments in Lieu of Taxes:** Authorize counties to make payments in lieu of  
74 taxes to other local units of government when the county takes land off the tax  
75 rolls for conservation purposes.  
76 • **DNR Staffing:** Support DNR staff levels that benefit Dane County water  
77 programs, including regulatory programs, lake/fishery, runoff specialists,  
78 conservation wardens, land conservation and parks programs.

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80 **Sustainable Agricultural Practices**

- 81 • **State Commercial Building Code:** Support the exemption from the state  
82 Commercial Building Code of farm buildings used for agricultural purposes or  
83 horse boarding/stabling facilities.  
84 • **Funding for Soil & Water Resource Management Program:** Support  
85 increased county conservation staff funding for implementation of the county's  
86 land and water resource management plan. Increase available cost share  
87 funding to support agricultural producers with implementation of conservation  
88 practices to grow the state's agricultural economy as well as protect soil and  
89 water resources.  
90 • **Foreign Interests in Farmland:** Oppose legislation that removes limits on  
91 foreign ownership of Wisconsin agricultural land.  
92 • **Non-Therapeutic Use of Antibiotics in Livestock:** Support statewide ban on  
93 non-therapeutic use of antibiotics in livestock production/agriculture.

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95 **Climate Change: Mitigation, Adaptation & Resilience**

- 96 • **Renewable Energy Production:** Support legislation and statewide funding in  
97 the form of grants and incentives to encourage the increased use and viability  
98 of waste-to-energy and renewable energy sources such as wind, solar, and  
99 biomass.  
100 • **Green Jobs Economic Development:** Support statewide funding in the  
101 form of grants or incentives, for counties to develop, create and attract green  
102 job opportunities with green companies or industries.  
103 • **Renewable Energy:** Support legislation that encourages waste-to-energy  
104 and renewable energy sources as viable energy sources for utilities and  
105 consumers.

- 106 • **Clean Energy Choice:** Support legislation to increase  
107 affordability/sustainability of renewable energy in Wisconsin.
- 108 • **Investment from Fossil Fuels:** Support zero investments in fossil fuel  
109 companies for all local governments and state institutions.
- 110 • **Balanced & Fair Partnership Between Digesters, Gas Recovery**  
111 **Programs & Utility Companies:** Create a statewide reimbursement  
112 competitive grant program to enhance and fund bioenergy projects.
- 113 • **Climate Change:** Support legislative efforts to address climate change.  
114 Enhance county authority and funding for county-level action planning,  
115 mitigation, adaptation, and resilience around the impacts of climate change,  
116 including climate change influenced by human activity.
- 117 • **Energy Efficiency:** Work to defend the statewide Focus on Energy Program and  
118 actively support efforts to increase the funding and customer access to that  
119 program. Support efforts to return local control to local units of government for  
120 energy related decision making such as establishing commercial building codes.  
121 Restore school districts' energy efficiency exemption to the revenue limit.
- 122 • **Reduce Fine Particle Pollution:** Target fine particle pollution non-attainment  
123 areas by providing increased funding and new incentives for fine particle  
124 emission reduction programs, including programs that reduce emissions from  
125 transportation sources and point sources through the increased use of  
126 alternative fuels, renewable energy sources, and energy efficiency  
127 improvements.
- 128 • **Diesel Idling Regulations:** Support statewide implementation of diesel idling  
129 regulations for trucks, buses, and other diesel engines.
- 130 • **Power Plants:** Support efforts to clean up dirty power plants.

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132 **Environmental Health**

- 133 • **Mercury Rules:** Support changes to the mercury rules to achieve a 90%  
134 reduction per DNR rule.
- 135 • **Perflourinated Compounds:** Support adopting a state-directed threshold  
136 standard of PFAS, PFOA and PFOS and the state exploring and identifying  
137 contamination and remediation options, including the associated costs and  
138 benefits.
- 139 • **Lead Pollution:** Support statewide/Utility User funding to help local  
140 governments mitigate lead contamination in drinking water. Support building  
141 statewide awareness and educational efforts related to the use of lead shot and  
142 tackle for hunting and fishing.

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144 **Access to High Quality Health Care**

- 145 • **Dental Access:** Support policies and/or legislation that would ensure access  
146 to dental care for all residents including those on Medical Assistance.
- 147 • **Medicaid Expansion:** Support implementation of the Medicaid expansion  
148 under the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA). Accept available federal funds  
149 for BadgerCare to ensure that thousands of Wisconsin citizens have access to  
150 quality and affordable health coverage.
- 151 • **Key Funding Streams:** Support Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increases  
152 in key funding areas from the state including Youth Aids, Basic Community  
153 Aids, Children and Families Allocation, Aging and Disability Resource Centers,  
154 Income Maintenance, Children's Community Options Program, and Children's  
155 Long Term Support Program.

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157 **Economic Assistance**

- 158 • **Income Maintenance Programs:** Support funding levels and legislation that

- 159 provide sufficient resources to administer non-cash benefit programs such as  
 160 Food Stamps, Medical Assistance, Child Care and issue benefits to all eligible  
 161 people. Oppose changes to the eligibility/enrollment process and services  
 162 funded under Medicaid and Income Maintenance.  
 163 • **W-2 Funding:** Support funding to pay all W-2 cash benefits and administrative  
 164 expenses.  
 165 • **Childcare:** Support sufficient funding for childcare. Expand eligibility to include  
 166 childcare support for low-income individuals pursuing higher education leading  
 167 to employment.  
 168 • **Property Tax Exemptions Low Income Housing:** Clarify 70.11 Wis. Stats.  
 169 to define “maintenance” as “repair and maintenance of property, capital  
 170 replacements, insurance premiums, project management, debt retirement,  
 171 project-related reserves, general administrative expenses, resident services,  
 172 utilities, financing costs, preservation expenses and similar project-related  
 173 expenses.”  
 174 • **Centralization of Economic Support Programs:** Oppose initiatives to  
 175 remove income maintenance administration from counties and create a  
 176 centralized income maintenance unit.  
 177 • **Medicaid Funding:** Support enabling counties to accept/administer  
 178 Medicaid funding at the county level.  
 179 • **Drug Testing:** Oppose legislation that would enact drug testing as a  
 180 requirement for public benefits. Also oppose drug testing of youth in our  
 181 public schools.

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 183 **Services for Older Adults, the Developmentally/Physically Disabled and Mentally Ill**

- 184 • **Birth to Three:** Support additional financial support from the state for this  
 185 program. Support a modification of State Statutes to require health insurers to  
 186 make third party payments to defray the cost of Birth to Three care for families  
 187 that have private health insurance policies.  
 188 • **Community Support Program (CSP):** Continue program. Have additional  
 189 state funding to help reduce county costs and serve those who can benefit from  
 190 the program.  
 191 • **RSVP Services:** Support increased funding for the RSVP Program  
 192 • **Seniorcare and BadgerCare:** Maintain Seniorcare and BadgerCare  
 193 continuing programs.  
 194 • **Handicap Access:** Support “visit ability” legislation to allow handicap access  
 195 devices in new homes or eliminate barriers in older homes.  
 196 • **Long Term Care Reform:** Plans developed by the state in the area of long  
 197 term care need to protect quality and availability of services to consumers and  
 198 maintain control by the county of programs or relieve the county of financial aid  
 199 and/or legal obligations for the programs and participants if the county is not  
 200 involved with these programs in the future. The required county contribution  
 201 towards LTC should be equitably negotiated. Support ongoing funding of  
 202 ADRCs. Amend Chapter 55 to delineate state and county responsibilities.  
 203 • **Employment Services for Older Adults:** Extend the use of state and county  
 204 funds to encourage the business community and technical colleges to create  
 205 and support retraining and placement of older adults entering/re-entering  
 206 employment, especially those lacking English proficiency.  
 207 • **Family Caregivers:** Provide financial support and tax credits to family  
 208 caregivers.  
 209 • **Dementia Patient Rights:** Oppose involuntary psychotropic drug  
 210 administration in Chapters 51 and 55.  
 211 • **Comprehensive Community Services (CCS):** Support continued full funding  
 212 of the state match.  
 213 • **InvestaCare (Long Term Care Investment Fund):** Support legislation to

- 214 establish a long term care investment savings program for individuals 18 years  
 215 and older to meet future long term care needs through financial contributions.
- 216 • **Family Care/IRIS:** Oppose changes that weaken the Family Care, IRIS, and  
 217 Partnership programs or privatize Aging & Disability Resource Centers  
 218 (ADRCs).
  - 219 • **Mental Health and Drug Addiction Treatment:** Urge the state of Wisconsin  
 220 to require increased insurance coverage and MA reimbursement rates in  
 221 addition to adequate and sustainable statewide funding for mental health  
 222 services and drug addiction treatment programs.
  - 223 • **Winnebago Mental Health Transfers:** Urge DHS to rescind its requirement  
 224 to transfer detained mental health patients to Winnebago Mental Health  
 225 Institute instead of Mendota.
  - 226 • **Non-Emergency Medical Transportation:** Currently Medical Transportation  
 227 Management Inc. (MTM) is contracted by the state of Wisconsin to provide  
 228 rides for Medicaid eligible individuals to gain access to medical appointments.  
 229 Contract provisions are skewed to reward MTM for denying rides instead of  
 230 providing rides. Ongoing complaints about the quality of service suggest little  
 231 accountability or oversight creating greater problems for the “transportation  
 232 disadvantaged.” Support entities or other actions that will hold MTM  
 233 accountable, improve oversight of the program, ensure quality, consistent  
 234 services, resolve complaints and provide incentives for giving, rather than  
 235 denying, rides.
  - 236 • **Prevention Funding:** Support initiatives that provide additional funds for  
 237 primary prevention and enforcement programs related to elder abuse and  
 238 neglect.
  - 239 • **IMD Exclusion:** Support the state in its efforts to change the “IMD Exclusion”  
 240 that ultimately requires counties to fund institutional stays for patients covered  
 241 by Medicaid.
  - 242 • **Funding of Programs and Services:** Oppose decreases and support  
 243 increases of quality programs and services affecting older adults in proportion  
 244 to the population growth. Oppose funding allocation and distribution methods  
 245 that disadvantage Dane County.
  - 246 • **Educational and Licensure Requirements:** Oppose the reduction of  
 247 educational and licensure requirements for health care professionals.

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 249 **Services for Children, Youth, and Families**

- 250 • **Career Development for Youth:** Support funding to provide educational, work  
 251 skill development, transportation and mentoring services for youth or young  
 252 adults who are at risk of dropping out, have dropped out of high school or who  
 253 are unemployed post high school and lack the knowledge and skills necessary  
 254 to secure and maintain gainful employment.
- 255 • **Early Childhood Initiative:** Support legislation to continue funding for the Early  
 256 Childhood Initiative programs.
- 257 • **Apprenticeship/Internships:** Provide incentives for the business community  
 258 and technical college system to create and support apprenticeship/internship  
 259 opportunities to young adults. Expedite entry and graduation from the  
 260 programs to meet increasing demands to fill vacancies created by an aging  
 261 workforce.
- 262 • **Prevention Funding:** Support initiatives that provide additional funds for  
 263 primary prevention programs including delinquency and child abuse/neglect.
- 264 • **Relative Caregivers:** Support legislation/policies that provide additional State  
 265 support to relatives who take care of non-custodial children.
- 266 • **Kinship Care:** Support funding to meet needs of all that are eligible.
- 267 • **Wisconsin Medicaid Cost Reporting (WIMCR):** Eliminate WIMCR program  
 268 or fully reimburse counties for the revenues they would have received under the  
 269 Community Services Deficit Reduction Benefit (CSDRB) and Community

- 270 impacted by the creation of WIMCR.
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- **Family Child Care:** Support legislation to extend the state rules governing foster care background checks to family day care providers.
  - **At-Risk Youth Report to School Board:** Develop a program for newly released at-risk students to interact with/give progress reports to school boards.
  - **Law Enforcement Role in Child Abuse & Neglect:** Oppose legislation that usurps the authority of county Child Protective Services (CPS) by reporting all child abuse and neglect cases to law enforcement in lieu of CPS, increases penalties and changes the neglect definition to target low income and marginalized communities.
  - **Child Support:** Request the Legislature designate additional state monies to the Wisconsin County Child Support Program to maintain the current high level of service.

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- **Youth Justice:** Support continued funding for early intervention and intensive treatment programs. Support continued improvements to the youth justice and juvenile corrections systems and ensure Dane County is able to successfully operate a secured residential care center for children and youth.
  - **Youth Aids:** Support legislation to increase state funding for out-of-home care costs for youth offenders now paid for by Dane County. Limit increases in state rates for out of 270home placements for youth (including corrections, child caring institutions and residential care facilities) to no more than the increase in Youth Aids.
  - **17 Year Olds:** Remove 17 year olds from the adult correctional system and return them to Juvenile Courts and Juvenile Corrections.
  - **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.
  - **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.
  - **Youth Courts:** Support and fund Youth Courts in Wisconsin High Schools.
  - **Group Homes:** Support efforts to reassess the maximum daily rate that group homes receive.

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309 **Public Health Services**

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- **Response to Local Public Health Emergencies:** Support legislation that recognizes the critical role of local Public Health Departments in responding to public health emergencies and provides adequate funding to respond to all threats to public health.
  - **Public Health Prevention:** Support initiatives that maintain effective public health prevention services, health promotion efforts, health and racial equity, and conditions that lead to optimal health outcomes.
  - **Medical Marijuana:** Support legislation allowing residents with debilitating medical conditions to acquire and possess marijuana for medical purposes if supported by their physician.
  - **Women's Health Care:** Repeal all state laws that prohibit women from having access to safe and legal abortions, that don't protect women's health and don't ensure a woman's dignity, equality and autonomy.
  - **Support Wisconsin Well Woman Program:** The Wisconsin Well Women

- Program pays for preventive health screening services (Mammograms, Pap Smears.....) for women with little or no health insurance coverage. Support maintaining the program and oppose any cuts or elimination.
- **Dangerous Animals and Vicious Dog Ordinance:** Amend state law to allow counties to enact stricter ordinances to regulate dangerous animals and vicious dogs having countywide applicability.
- **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.

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335 **Housing**

- **Homeless Services:** Provide additional State funding for services to assist individuals, unaccompanied youth and families who are homeless.
- **Manufactured Housing:** Support legislation to amend state statutes to require adequate notice to residents when mobile home parks are closing, require storm cellars/secure areas in manufactured housing communities, encourage WHEDA to provide funding/financing for the purchase of housing on leased land, remove any barriers to long term leases, allow the purchase of communities by residents and the development of co-operative housing for manufactured housing communities.
- **Restrictions on Local Fair Housing Ordinances:** Oppose legislation that impinges on the rights of tenants by allowing landlords to discriminate based on a tenant's income, occupation, rental history, credit information, arrest/conviction history and Social Security number.
- **Landlord Regulation:** Repeal 2011 WI Act 108, which prohibits local government ordinances that place limits or requirements on landlords (Fair Housing Ordinance). Repeal 2011 WI Act 143, which prohibits a local government from imposing a moratorium on eviction actions and amends/creates new provisions that benefit landlords including but not limited to allowing: landlord discretion in disposing/storing of medical/personal items; landlords to withhold a tenant's security deposit or portion of for damages, unpaid rent/utility bills; and severability of rental agreements. Repeal 2011-2012 budget bill provision which deletes landlord foreclosure notice. Repeal 2013 WI Act 76 (Prohibit Local Landlord Ordinances).
- **Affordable Housing Trust Fund:** Support enabling legislation to allow Dane County to create an Affordable Housing Trust Fund.
- **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.

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366 **Veterans Services**

- **Armed Forces:** Support the Dane County soldiers who are presently serving. Support protecting families and jobs rather than utilizing precious resources and funds to wage a war.
- **VFW Halls:** Support a property tax exemption for chartered veterans' organizations.
- **Property Tax Credit:** Drop the disability rating from 100% to 30% or greater.
- **Trust Fund:** Support an increase from state GPR to help stabilize the Trust Fund so veterans will no longer pay for their own benefits and programs. The Trust Fund is financed through veteran programs such as personal and home loans.
- **Wisconsin GI Bill:** Fully fund the Wisconsin GI Bill without any limitations on

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- **State Funding for the Veterans Trust Fund:** Support increased funding in the state budget bill to insure solvency of the Veterans Trust Fund including but not limited to, the exploration of permanent state funding for the WI Dept. of Veteran Affairs and the veteran programs/benefits that the Department oversees.
- **Ending Veteran Homelessness:** Support ending veteran homelessness by maximizing state and federal resources and streamlining local housing processes.
- **Mass Transit for Disabled Veterans:** Support fully funding bus passes and other mass transit costs for all service-connected disabled veterans in all Wisconsin locations and transit programs.
- **County Veterans Offices:** Oppose legislation that cuts/restructures CVSO funding, reduces veteran services or weakens the offices by regionalization
- **Veterans Administration:** Support and recognize the significance of the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Administration Hospital and area clinics in the lives of veterans and in the Dane County community and opposes the privatization of services that the Veterans Administration provides to millions of veterans nationally and thousands of Dane County residents jeopardizing their care.

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### County Personnel, Finance, and Governance

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- **State Mandates:** Oppose any legislation or rule that requires counties to provide a service or administer a program without adequate and ongoing funding. Support creation of a Joint Survey Committee on Local Mandates. Support legislation to allow waivers from state mandates. Support requiring the state to 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.
- **Fees/Licenses:** Support state-set fees collected by counties to fairly cover administrative costs.
- **Libraries:** Enforce compliance with WI Stats. 43.24(6) which require state funding for public library systems at 13% of local library expenditures.
- **Association Memberships:** Support requiring a simple majority vote of the county board of supervisors to purchase membership in an association of county boards.
- **Room Tax:** Amend the room tax statutes to include counties.
- **Alliant Energy Center:** 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.
- **Property Tax Freeze:** Oppose any efforts to limit or prohibit local governments from increasing their expenditures or revenues.
- **Buy Local:** Provide and maintain state funding to create incentives for businesses and all levels of government to buy local produce and products. Oppose the practice of contracting State of Wisconsin government functions or services to out-of-state companies/operations.
- **Reverse Marriage Ban:** Support a constitutional amendment to delete the marriage ban amendment adopted in the Fall 2006 General Election.
- **Domestic Partnership Benefits:** Support restoring local governments' ability to provide domestic partner benefits.
- **State Contracts:** Require the state to award contracts to vendors that extend spousal benefits to include employees in domestic partner relationships.
- **Grant Program Continuity:** Require that when the state awards contracts or otherwise funds a project, the state should require sustainability as one criterion



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- **Restore Impact Fee Authority:** Restore counties to the governmental entities that are authorized to levy impact fees.
  - **Fair and Equitable Taxation:** Support fair and equitable taxation without harming county revenue.
  - **Local Government Control:** Oppose any legislation that limits or deletes local government control including opposition to levy limits and support for county home rule authority.
  - **Highway Workers Safety:** Earmark a portion of every state construction/maintenance contract to fund increased local law enforcement in construction/maintenance zones. Support innovative approaches to improve work zone safety.
  - **Prevailing Wage:** Restore the prevailing wage requirement for public works and other projects. The prevailing wage guarantees fair bids, quality work and middle-class wages for skilled workers in Dane County.
  - **Fair Motorboat Gas Tax Allocation:** Support legislation to fairly allocate motorboat fuel tax through a more equitable distribution formula.
  - **Comprehensive School Funding Reform:** Support changes in the school aid formula to align revenues with educational costs. Distribute resources in accordance with the diverse needs of students and districts to ensure every student receives a quality education. Support moving school funding away from reliance on property taxes.
  - **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.
  - **Oppose State-Imposed County Board Restructuring:** Oppose legislation that impedes a County Board from governing, budgeting and hiring staff.
  - **Collective Bargaining:** Support legislation allowing local government the option to engage in collective bargaining with public sector employees. Dane County is committed to a fair and respectful bargaining process and to 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.
  - **Balance of Power:** Oppose efforts to alter the authority and/or responsibilities among county boards, county executives or administrators, and constitutional officers and upset the balance of power in county government across Wisconsin.
  - **Dark Store Loophole:** Oppose the Dark Store Loophole by clarifying that leases are appropriately factored into the valuation of leased properties and that when using the comparable sale method of valuation, assessors shall consider as comparable only those sales within the same market segment exhibiting a similar highest and best use rather than similarly sized but vacant properties in abandoned locations.
  - **Nonpartisan Redistricting:** Dane County Board of Supervisors supports the creation of an independent non-partisan process for the preparation of legislative and congressional district lines.
  - **Project Labor Agreements:** Support the restoration of local governments' ability to enter into Project Labor Agreements.

#### 481 **Public Safety and Emergency Management**

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- **EMA Services:** Support legislation that encourages financial support of volunteers in emergency medical services and that addresses liability issues and professional standards. Support state reimbursement for radio frequency and upgrade requirements.
  - **Communications Surcharge for 911 Systems:** Support legislation to redirect some of the Police and Fire Protection Fee surcharge to 911 Centers.

- 488 • **First Responder Training:** Require training for first responders on appropriate  
489 procedures for identifying, assisting, and interacting with older adults as well as  
490 other adults who may have complications from abuse, dementia, mental health  
491 or other disorders.
- 492 • **Open Records Law:** Support updating the open records law to cover all county  
493 costs for new and emerging labor-intensive records requests and associated  
494 costs including redaction.
- 495 • **Criminal Background Check:** Support additional funds to the Department of  
496 Justice to enable conducting of uniform criminal background checks of to-be-  
497 hired direct care workers by public non-profit agencies.
- 498 • **Multi-line Telephone System (MLTS) Calls to 911:** Support legislation  
499 requiring owners/operators of these systems to deliver Wisconsin 9-1-1 Centers  
500 precise location information instead of merely the “headquarters office” location  
501 and call-back numbers now delivered when callers from their system dial 9-1-1  
502 seeking aid.
- 503 • **Support Gun Control:** Ban habitual criminals from obtaining concealed carry  
504 permits, make the purchase of a firearm for somebody who is prohibited from  
505 possessing a firearm a felony, make the possession of a concealed firearm by  
506 those prohibited under Wisconsin law a felony, and require that private gun sales  
507 be subject to criminal background checks performed by a federally licensed gun  
508 dealer.
- 509 • **Concealed Carry Weapons:** Modify the concealed carry law to prohibit  
510 concealed weapons from being carried onto the grounds, parking lots or areas  
511 associated with convention, entertainment, and sporting facilities, venues where  
512 the public assembles for tradeshow, demonstrations, conventions, consumer  
513 shows, entertainment, sporting or educational events, including zoos, convention  
514 centers, arenas, horse arenas, hockey arenas, concert and sporting venues for  
515 public assembly events, including when those facilities are used for private  
516 events, institutions of higher learning, public schools, child care facilities,  
517 community centers, health care facilities, and public mass transportation.  
518 Support setting concealed carry license fees at an amount sufficient to fund all  
519 County Sheriffs’ costs associated with administering the law.

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521 **Criminal Justice and Corrections**

- 522 • **State Audit Probation & Parole Program:** Support reforming the probation  
523 and parole program to streamline the revocation process in order to reduce  
524 days in jail.
- 525 • **Prisoner Re-entry:** Adequately fund prisoner community re-entry programs to  
526 increase success and effectiveness.
- 527 • **Close Public Defender Eligibility Gap:** Support changing Public Defender  
528 eligibility level to the same level as eligibility for appointed counsel to eliminate  
529 the gap that currently requires the court to appoint counsel at county expense.  
530 Increase state funding to cover counties’ costs for court-appointed attorneys.  
531 Increase public defender pay to at least \$70 per hour.
- 532 • **Minority Outreach:** Support state-sponsored outreach to communities about  
533 available support services.
- 534 • **County Jail:** Support full state funding for probation and parole holds, more  
535 funding for incarceration alternatives, and support Justice Impact Statements.
- 536 • **Treatment Alternatives and Diversion:** Support enhancements to public  
537 safety and reduce unnecessary corrections related expenditures by (a)  
538 Increasing funding for the treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) Grant

- 539 Program by \$15 million annually; (b) Changing the TAD statute so that people  
540 who were once convicted of a violent crime can be eligible if the new crime is  
541 non-violent in nature; (c) Changing the statute so that people with a mental  
542 health issue (and not a co-occurring addiction issue) can be eligible; and (d)  
543 Focusing the growth in TAD in these three main areas: (1) Expansion of OWI  
544 Courts, SSTOP, and other programs that address drunk driving; (2) Expansion  
545 of drug treatment programs that can help deal with the growing heroin problem  
546 as well as the lingering issues with methamphetamine, crack, , and other drugs;  
547 and (3) Expansion of funding for treatment alternatives that are targeted to the  
548 communities that have the state's highest incarceration rates.
- 549 • **Court Interpreters:** Support appointing court interpreters to all cases  
550 regardless of indigency and support an increase in state funding for  
551 reimbursement to counties for interpreter services.
  - 552 • **Wisconsin Community Justice Reinvestment Act:** Support creation of  
553 WCJRA to provide sentencing judges with more effective treatment options  
554 while reducing the prison population and sharing the savings with counties to  
555 fund local criminal justice/treatment programs.
  - 556 • **Racial Disparity Subcommittee:** Support creation of a state Criminal Justice  
557 Coordinating Council subcommittee on racial disparities within the criminal  
558 justice system.
  - 559 • **State Court System:** Increase state funding of the circuit court system,  
560 including court security.
  - 561 • **Victim-Witness Program:** Support full state funding of program costs.
  - 562 • **Clerk of Court Fees:** Pursue statutory changes to increase the county share  
563 of fines/forfeitures.
  - 564 • **License Fee:** Support \$12 for driver's license suspension if the fee is payable  
565 by the defendant.
  - 566 • **Domestic Violence:** Support state funding for domestic violence prevention,  
567 intervention, and prosecution, including funding for three ADA positions  
568 dedicated to domestic violence and shelter services.
  - 569 • **Fee Increase for Jury Trial:** Support legislation to increase the fee for a jury  
570 trial from \$6 to \$15. The funding is needed to offset increases in juror  
571 compensation.
  - 572 • **Prisoner Hospitalization:** Oppose any legislation that would reverse/overturn  
573 the WI Supreme Court ruling on the Meriter case. Update the statutory  
574 language regarding prisoner hospitalization.
  - 575 • **District Attorney Funding:** Support increased state funding for more Deputy  
576 District Attorney and Assistance District Attorney positions to meet growing  
577 caseloads.
  - 578 • **Mental Health Screenings:** Support and fund mental health screening and  
579 treatment for jailed inmates in county juvenile detention, shelter homes, and  
580 county jails.
  - 581 • **Legalize Marijuana:** Support legislation legalizing marijuana. Dane County  
582 voters approved by 76% "yes" votes and 24% "no" votes.
  - 583 • **Interstate Traffic Tickets:** Amend State Statutes allowing Wisconsin to join  
584 the Interstate Compact on Traffic Forfeitures to facilitate collection of out-of-  
585 state traffic violators and capture a needed revenue source for the state and  
586 county.
  - 587 • **Boating Laws:** Authorize the state to license, regulate, and require  
588 education/training for operation of motorized watercraft. Support legislation  
589 making fines and associated penalties for drunken boating commensurate with

590 those for drunken driving.

- 591 • **Bail and Conditions of Pretrial Release:** Support legislation that reforms bail  
592 and conditions of pretrial release, respects the constitutional rights of the  
593 accused, enhances public safety, and incorporates evidence-based strategies.

#### 594 **Immigrants and Refugees**

- 595 • **Sanctuary Cities/Counties:** Oppose legislation that requires county  
596 workers/law enforcement to review immigration status any time an individual  
597 comes in contact with government workers. Oppose banning specified  
598 immigrants from living in communities. Urge Wisconsin to seek grants for  
599 Syrian refugee resettlement.
- 600 • **Drivers' Licenses:** Support legislation that allows undocumented  
601 immigrants to obtain drivers' licenses.
- 602 • **In-State Tuition for Immigrants:** Support restoring the law for in-state tuition for  
603 state residents who graduated from a Wisconsin High School, but lack proper  
604 immigration documentation.

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#### 606 **Bicycle and Recreational Trails**

- 607 • **Transportation Aids:** Support the use of transportation aids for the construction  
608 and maintenance of bicycle trails with significant commuter traffic.
- 609 • **Bike Trail Task Force:** Support the creation and development of a statewide  
610 Bike Trail Task Force.
- 611 • **Commuter Transportation:** Support integrating bicycle transportation into  
612 future commuter transportation systems.
- 613 • **Trail System Development:** Request DNR assistance in the development of  
614 regional trail systems.
- 615 • **Eminent Domain:** Repeal Wis. Stat. 32.015, which prohibits local governments  
616 from using eminent domain for constructing bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.
- 617 • **Regional Trail System:** Request DNR assistance in development of regional  
618 trail systems.

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#### 620 **Mass Transit**

- 621 • **Regional Transit Authority:** Support legislation allowing local governments to  
622 create Regional Transit Authorities (RTA) to provide regional transit services  
623 across local government boundaries that is flexible enough to adapt to local  
624 needs and has these basic parameters: A representative RTA could be formed  
625 by one or more municipal governing bodies passing resolutions in support. A  
626 referendum would need to be adopted by a majority of voters in each municipality  
627 forming, or seeking to join the RTA. The amount of the sales tax would need to  
628 be authorized in the referendum, but could not exceed 0.5%. The governing  
629 board would be composed of elected officials, representative of the communities  
630 within the RTA area.
- 631 • **Update Wisconsin 2030 State Rail Plan:** Support state and federal funding for  
632 a high speed passenger rail line connecting Madison with the Twin Cities,  
633 Milwaukee, and Chicago.
- 634 • **Airport Authority:** Oppose legislation that takes airport governance away from  
635 county government and gives it to a private/public airport authority.

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### Local Road Funding and Projects

- **Local Transportation:** Support a greater share of state and federal transportation funding going toward local transportation needs and services. Funding should be increased for General Transportation Aids, State Highway Maintenance, the County Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) and Specialized Transportation for older adults and persons with disabilities. Require “farmland mitigation” for highway improvement projects. Funding formulas that discriminate against urban counties should be revised and the local match (now 50%) for CHIPS should be decreased.
- **North Mendota Parkway:** Oppose the construction of four lanes on Main Street (HWY 19) in Waunakee. Support an update of the 2003 North Mendota Parkway traffic study, and request WIDOT to consider how the proposed North Mendota Parkway, Hwy 19, CTH K, CTH M and Hwy 13 relate to each other and Hwy 12. Support an implementation review of the “North E-Way”. Support state and federal funding for the North Mendota Parkway. **Oppose and expansion to four lanes on main Street (State Highway 19) in downtown Waunakee.**
- **Verona Road Project:** Support mitigation measures to lessen the impact of the Verona Road construction project on surrounding neighborhoods and local businesses. Those measures include noise barriers, monitoring air quality, preservation of commercial areas, minimizing impacts on established neighborhoods, storm water management (steer away from Dunn’s Marsh), and develop bike lanes, pedestrian/bicycle bridges and sidewalks on frontage and neighborhood roads.
- **Highway Funding:** Require WIDOT to provide more funding up front through operational reimbursement and incentivizing improvements.

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### Waste and Renewables

- **Recycling:** Support long-term state funding for state’s recycling program. Support continued state efforts to expand markets for recycled materials. Support allowing local governments or other entities to receive more than one state grant for innovative demonstration projects.
- **Landfill Siting:** Allow municipalities to replace existing public landfills without a new DNR needs determination. Support modifying landfill negotiation-mediation process to include counties as an appropriate governing body for the approval of negotiated agreements. Support prohibiting the construction of landfills until the negotiation-mediation process is complete.
- **Clean Sweep:** Support increased state/federal funding for household and Ag Clean Sweep.
- **Oppose State Increases in Landfill/Solid Waste Fees and Program Reductions:** Oppose state increases to the landfill recycling tipping fee and environmental repair fee. Oppose the elimination or reduction of recycling and solid waste programs.

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### Land Use, Land Records, and Land Regulation

- **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.
- **Wisconsin Land Information Program:** Support the continuation of the Wisconsin Land Information Program and grants.
- **Comprehensive Planning:** Oppose legislation that undermines the comprehensive planning statutes.
- **Transmission Lines:** Request the State supports an independent study of the need for additional high voltage transmission lines through Dane County.

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691 Oppose the construction and operation of the proposed Cardinal-Hickory  
 692 Creek transmission line pending the receipt of a comprehensive cost-benefit  
 693 analysis of non-transmission alternatives.

- 694 • **Takings Legislation:** Oppose legislation that would require county  
 695 government to compensate real property owners for restricted use or loss of  
 696 property value as a result of law or regulations.
- 697 • **Transmission Line Construction:** Support requiring power lines to be  
 698 constructed underground to protect Dane County economic and  
 699 environmental resources while enhancing resiliency and reliability during  
 700 extreme weather events.
- 701 • **Support Local Control of Nonmetallic Mining:** Oppose any state legislation  
 702 that preempts local governments from enacting their own nonmetallic mining  
 703 regulations and oversight of air/water quality, highway damage, noise and use  
 704 contracts.
- 705 • **Effigy Mounds & Burial Sites:** Oppose legislation that allows the  
 706 disturbance or destruction of Native American effigy mounds and old  
 707 burial sites.
- 708 • **Utility Deregulation:** Oppose any deregulation that leads to higher consumer  
 709 rates. Any attempts to restructure the delivery of electricity should address:  
 710 reliability of electrical service, equitable benefits to large and small rate payers,  
 711 the social and environmental impacts of restructuring, and the ability of  
 712 counties to aggregate to purchase electricity.
- 713 • **Holding Tanks as Systems of Last Resort:** Support changes in statutes and  
 714 administrative rules that oppose using holding tanks except as a last resort for  
 715 new and replacement septic systems. Modify rules and statutes to ensure  
 716 funding from the Wisconsin Fund is for the least costly systems, excluding  
 717 holding tanks, unless a holding tank is the system of last resort.
- 718 • **Land Use and Natural Resource Protection:** Oppose any proposals that  
 719 weaken Dane County's ability to responsibly manage the use of land within its  
 720 jurisdiction, including but not limited to tools like comprehensive planning,  
 721 zoning, land division/subdivision regulations, and shoreland, floodplain, and  
 722 wetland regulation.
- 723 • **Restore and Enhance Land Use Authority:** Support efforts to restore and  
 724 expand Dane County's land use authority including but not limited to  
 725 comprehensive planning, land division, zoning, and shoreland, wetland, and  
 726 floodplain regulations to promote countywide planning.

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 728 **Elections**

- 729 • **Voter Registration Changes and Voter Identification Requirement:**  
 730 Oppose legislation that changes same day voter registration, reduces  
 731 times for absentee ballot voting and/or requires photo identification to  
 732 vote.
- 733 • **Public Funding for Elections:** Support public financing for local and state  
 734 elections.

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 736 **Community, Workforce and Economic Development**

- 737 • **Wisconsin's Fair Employment Act:** Oppose permitting an employer to  
 738 refuse to employ, bar or terminate from employment an individual who has  
 739 been convicted of a felony and who has not been pardoned for that felony,  
 740 and pre-empting local government from adopting ordinances concerning  
 741 employment discrimination based on arrest or conviction records that prohibit  
 742 activity allowed under the state Fair Employment Act.
- 743 • **Minimum Wage:** Support increasing the minimum wage to a living wage.
- 744 • **UW Extension:** Support adequate staffing and funding levels to sustain

745 Dane County Extension's high-quality educational programs for farmers,  
746 businesses, communities, families and young people.  
747 • **Collective Bargaining and Workers Rights:** Support all workers having the  
748 right to seek safe working conditions, benefits and fair pay through collective  
749 bargaining and oppose  
750 • **Student Debt:** Support legislation to lower student debt by any means possible  
751 including refinancing loans, implementing tax breaks for those paying back the  
752 loans, reducing interest rates and ensuring tuition is affordable.  
753 • **School Choice Expansion:** Oppose the voucher program or a similar  
754 facsimile in the Madison Metropolitan School District or in any Dane County  
755 school system.  
756 • **Rural Broadband Coverage:** Support increasing financial support to expand  
757 broadband services to underserved rural areas.

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**Arts**

- **Arts Funding:** Support increased funding for the arts across Wisconsin, especially for art projects in communities, schools, colleges, and public facilities.