

1 SUB 1 to 2021 RES-344  
2 GENERAL FUND SUPPORT FOR THE ALLIANT ENERGY CENTER  
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4 The revenues and expenses of the Alliant Energy Center (AEC) are measured differently than  
5 other departments, with a goal of not providing general fund support, and the AEC is being  
6 charged for services, or indirect costs. These costs are not assessed to most departments.  
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8 Over the years, the AEC became self-sufficient through increasing business, deferring  
9 maintenance, and relying on greater use of part time employees or contracted help.  
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11 At the time the AEC became temporarily self-sufficient, the County began charging the agency  
12 for services from other county departments including the Corporation Counsel, the Department  
13 of Administration, the Division of Information Management, and other services not charged  
14 against the budgets of most departments, draining the already precarious AEC budget.  
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16 Prior to the global COVID-19 pandemic, the AEC had built up a reserve fund and until recently  
17 has not required general fund support. Given the uncertainty in event revenue as a result of the  
18 pandemic, the creation of full time positions may not be able to be sustained without general  
19 fund support.  
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21 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board supports a solvent and  
22 functioning AEC that reduces the need for outside contracts which may require strategic use of  
23 general fund revenues to help reestablish a pool of limited term employees and add full time  
24 positions.  
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Board supports discontinuing the practice of  
27 requiring the Alliant Energy Center to pay indirect costs in future years.  
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29 *This substitute amendment clarifies that the County Board supports strategic use of the general*  
30 *fund if necessary to reestablish a pool of limited term employees and add full time positions, and*  
31 *to discontinue the requirement of the AEC to pay indirect costs.*