

Explanation of Suggested Edits for Legislative Agenda, Executive Committee

Elections

- **Voter Registration Changes and Voter Identification Requirement/Support Wisconsin's Successful System of Election Day Voter Registration:** Suggest deleting the latter to reduce redundancy. Modified language to only oppose *reduction* in times for absentee voting, in case there are proposals to expand that the county wants to support.
 - Because Photo ID is current law, the committee should consider whether this language be changed to either repeal the photo ID requirement or improve the law to allow for additional forms of ID and/or alternatives?
 - Suggested Language: "Support legislation to repeal the state's photo ID requirement." OR "Support legislation that makes it easier for eligible voters to register and vote."
- **County Board Elections:** Suggest deleting because I believe this change has occurred. Staff should confirm, but Supervisors were sworn in on 4/17/18, which was the third Tuesday of April.
- **Public Funding for Elections:** Minor cleanup revisions.

Community, Workforce and Economic Development

- **Minimum Wage:** Suggest changing this to general support of increasing the minimum wage, given the movement toward supporting \$15 minimum wage. Also allows for various versions that might be indexed for inflation.
- **UW Cooperative Extension's Relationship with Dane County Extension Department and Wisconsin Idea Partnership:** The Badger Partnership and Idea Partnership were part of the UW's 2011 Budget requests. They are no longer relevant. Suggested language enables support and response to future needs and budgets.
 - Suggested language: "Support adequate staffing and funding levels to sustain Dane County Extension's high-quality educational programs for farmers, businesses, communities, families and young people."
- **Collective Bargaining and Workers Rights:** Suggest moving this provision from the County Governance section (taken up by P&F)
- School Choice Expansion: Minor cleanup language
- Rural Broadband Coverage: Minor cleanup language
- Arts
 - Suggest combining the "Arts" section with the "Community, Workforce and Economic Development" section because the issues intersect.
 - Arts Funding/Wisconsin Arts Agency:
 - Combine the two provisions to reduce redundancy.
 - Suggest deleting the support for a free-standing WI Arts Agency because the Wisconsin Arts Board is administratively housed within the Dept. of Tourism, but is still its own agency. While there was some controversy at the time it was moved, the partnership has worked well to advance the understanding that the arts helps community and economic development, which helps garner additional funding and other support.