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DATE: December 10, 2024

TO: Dane County Board of Supervisors
Dane County Clerk
Interested Parties

FROM: County Board Chair Patrick Miles *Patrick Miles*

RE: Appointment of Keith Furman to the District 10 Vacancy

On Wednesday, December 4, 2024, I held a public hearing at the Lussier Community Education Center in District 10 to hear from applicants for the vacancy created by the resignation of Supervisor Aaron Collins. Two individuals applied for the appointment: Keith Furman and Leland Pan, both residents of District 10.

Keith Furman served as a Madison Alder on the Common Council from 2018 to 2023, including a term as Common Council President in his final year. He highlighted his commitment to community engagement and expressed his intention to prioritize outreach and communication with constituents if appointed. Keith's areas of focus include technology, conservation, and providing infrastructure for the county's rapidly growing population. He also stated that, if appointed, he would be interested in running for election in spring 2025.

Leland Pan served as a Dane County Supervisor from 2012 to 2016. He has experience as a racial justice trainer in Milwaukee, a social worker at LaFollette, and a member of the Sierra Club's executive committee. Leland emphasized his experience on the Board and in various roles, focusing on environmental issues, workers' rights, and housing concerns. He also noted that he would not seek election in spring 2025 if appointed.

Both applicants are highly qualified and would have brought valuable perspectives and skills to the Board. I thank both candidates for participating in this process. After careful consideration, I am appointing Keith Furman to fill the District 10 vacancy. His recent experience representing much of the district on the Madison Commons Council will prove valuable as we address the opportunities and challenges ahead. I ask for your support of Keith Furman's appointment.