

County Personnel, Finance, and Governance

- **State Mandates:** ~~Oppose any state or federal legislation or rule s/regulations promulgated by federal or state agencies that would require counties to provide a service or administer any program without adequate and on-going funding; s/Support creation of a Joint Survey Committee on Local Mandates. Support legislation to allow waivers from state mandates. Support requiring t~~The state ~~shall~~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 ~~should~~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:** ~~Amend WI Stats. 59.07(27) to~~Support requireing 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-District:** ~~Provide 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. enabling legislation or a grandfather clause within the Wisconsin Center District and Bradley Center agreement to extend the same authority to the Alliant Energy Center.~~
- **TABOR/Property Tax Freeze:** ~~Urge state to pay for required programs to reduce property tax growth, not pass more constitutional amendments~~Oppose any efforts to limit or prohibit local governments from increasing their expenditures or revenues.
- **Offshore Contracting/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 ~~overseas-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:** ~~Continue to allow~~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 in the decision-making or contract selection process.
- **Buy Local:** ~~Provide and maintain state funding to create incentives for businesses and all levels of government to buy local produce and products.~~
- **Restore Impact Fee Authority:** Restore counties to the governmental entities that are authorized to levy impact fees.
- **Online Retailers Sales Tax:** ~~Support legislation requiring online retailers with Wisconsin ties to collect and remit WI State and local sales tax.~~
- **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.
- **Prevailing Wage:** ~~Oppose legislation that eliminates~~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.

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- **Legislative Mandates:** ~~Oppose any state or federal legislation or rules/regulations promulgated by federal or state agencies that would require counties to provide a service or administer any program without adequate and on-going funding; support creation of a Joint Survey Committee on Local Mandates. Support legislation to allow waivers from state mandates.~~
- **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.
- **Support Wisconsin Workers' Rights to Organize and Collectively Bargain:** ~~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.~~
- **Population Change:** ~~Dane is nearing the 500,000 population mark. Support legislation to address issues within the state statutes that pertain to counties with a population of 500,000 or more (Milwaukee County) by changing the population figure to 750,000 or more throughout the state statutes. There are 160 provisions in state law that apply to counties that size. One of the most problematic provisions, the state takeover of Dane County child welfare services, would cost county taxpayers \$58.8 million.~~
- **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.
- **Collective Bargaining Rights:** ~~Support workers having the right to seek safe working conditions, benefits and fair pay through collective bargaining and oppose legislation that weakens it.~~
- **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 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.~~
- **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:** ~~Support legislation to require a nonpartisan system for redistricting legislative and congressional districts in the state. Dane County voters approved by 82.1% yes votes and 17.9% no votes.~~
- **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.~~

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