

2015-2017 DANE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

General Principles

The unique role counties play in administering state programs---human services, transportation, the environment, surface and ground waters, health, the justice system and other state-mandated services---must be recognized:

1. The state must fairly share responsibility with the counties in determining the scope, design and cost of statewide programs;
2. The state must provide an adequate and predictable share of funding for state services delivered by the counties;
3. The state must help counties reduce the need to rely on property taxes; and
4. The state should enhance the ability of counties to more effectively manage county government.
5. The state shall 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.
6. **The state shall fully fund and create a free-standing Wisconsin Arts Agency to enhance the lives of youth, older adults and all Wisconsin citizens by funding art projects in Communities, Schools, Colleges and Public Works/Building construction across the state.**

Eliminate Racial Disparities

The elimination of racial disparities and the elevation of racial equity are among the most important priorities and responsibilities of Dane County. Specific areas that help alleviate racial disparities include Youth Initiatives, Education, Prevention, Employment, Criminal Justice, Health Care, Housing, Transportation, Economic Development, Contracting and Service Delivery.

In order to impact the current state and community crisis, we must be deliberate and proactive in our public policy response.

- 1) Juvenile Justice: Support continued funding for early intervention and intensive treatment programs.
- 2) Career Development for Youth: Support funding to provide educational, work skill development, transportation and mentoring services for youth or young adults who are at risk of dropping out, have dropped out of high school or who are unemployed post high school and lack the knowledge and skills necessary to secure and maintain gainful employment.
- 3) Early Childhood Initiative: Support legislation to continue funding for the Early Childhood Initiative programs.
- 4) Apprenticeship/Internships: **Encourage Provide incentives for** the business community and technical college system to create and support apprenticeship/internship opportunities to ~~unemployed post high school~~ young adults. **Expedite entry and graduation from the programs to meet increasing demands to fill vacancies created by an aging boomer workforce.**
- 5) 17 Year Olds: Remove 17 year olds from the adult correctional system and return them to Juvenile Courts and Juvenile Corrections.
- 6) 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, including parole activities.
- 7) Prevention Funding: Support initiatives that provide additional funds for primary prevention programs including delinquency, child abuse/neglect and elder/abuse neglect.
- 8) 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.

- 55 9) Youth Aids: Support legislation to increase state funding for out-of-home care costs for juvenile
56 offenders now paid for by Dane County. Limit increases in state rates for out of home placements for juveniles
57 (including corrections, child caring institutions and residential care facilities) to no more than the increase in
58 Youth Aids.
- 59 10) Relative Caregivers: Support legislation/policies that provide additional State support to relatives who
60 take care of non-custodial children.
- 61 11) Dental Access: Support policies and/or legislation that would ensure access to dental care for all
62 residents including those on Medical Assistance.
- 63 12) Voter Registration Changes and Voter Identification Requirement: Oppose legislation which changes
64 same day voter registration, alters times for absentee ballot voting and requires photo identification to vote.
- 65 13) Support Wisconsin's Successful System of Election Day Voter Registration: Support Election Day voter
66 registration and urge Wisconsin Legislature to maintain the current system.
- 67 14) Regional Transit Authority (RTA): **Maintain Restore** statutory language to allow creation of a Regional
68 Transit Authority/Authorities covering at a minimum the federally-designated Metropolitan Planning Area, and
69 support statutory language to allow up to a half-cent sales tax which would go to citizens for a binding
70 referendum, be contingent on receiving federal transit funds and RTA governance/operating structure would be
71 determined after consultation with community partners participating in the RTA. Support that sales tax funds
72 are used for commuter rail, bus transit, emergency/disabled transportation, local road and county highway
73 projects.
- 74 15) State Audit Probation & Parole Program: Request the Legislative Audit Bureau to analyze Wisconsin's
75 probation and parole program for effectiveness and efficiencies; to identify improvements in procedures to
76 streamline the revocation process in order to reduce days in jail; and compare the Wisconsin program to other
77 states.
- 78 16) Prisoner Re-Entry: Adequately fund prisoner community re-entry programs to increase success and
79 effectiveness.
- 80 17) Youth Courts: Support and fund Youth Courts in Wisconsin High Schools.
- 81 18) Close Public Defender Eligibility Gap: Support changing Public Defender eligibility levels to the same
82 level as eligibility for appointed counsel to eliminate the gap that currently requires the court to appoint counsel
83 at county expense.
- 84 19) Minority Outreach: Support state-sponsored outreach to communities about available support services.
- 85 20) Income Maintenance Programs: Support funding levels and legislation that provide sufficient resources
86 to administer non-cash benefit programs such as Food Stamps, Medical Assistance, Child Care and issue
87 benefits to all eligible people. Oppose changes to the eligibility/enrollment process and services funded under
88 Medicaid and Income Maintenance.
- 89 21) Restrictions on Local Fair Housing Ordinances: Oppose legislation that impinges on the rights of
90 tenants by allowing landlords to discriminate based on a tenant's income, occupation, rental history, credit
91 information, arrest/conviction history and Social Security number.
- 92 22) Wisconsin's Fair Employment Act: Oppose permitting an employer to refuse to employ, bar or
93 terminate from employment an individual who has been convicted of a felony and who has not been pardoned
94 for that felony, and pre-empting local government from adopting ordinances concerning employment
95 discrimination based on arrest or conviction records that prohibit activity allowed under the state Fair
96 Employment Act.
- 97 23) Landlord Regulation: Repeal 2011 WI Act 108, which prohibits local government ordinances that place
98 limits or requirements on landlords (Fair Housing Ordinance). Repeal 2011 WI Act 143, which prohibits a local
99 government from imposing a moratorium on eviction actions and amends/creates new provisions that benefit
100 landlords including but not limited to allowing: landlord discretion in disposing/storing of medical/personal
101 items; landlords to withhold a tenant's security deposit or portion of for damages, unpaid rent/utility bills; and
102 severability of rental agreements. Repeal 2011-2012 budget bill provision which deletes landlord foreclosure
103 notice. **Repeal 2013 WI Act 76 (Prohibit Local Landlord Ordinances)**.
- 104 24) Minimum wage: Enacted 11/4/14 Referendum Ballot question, "Should the State of Wisconsin increase
105 the minimum wage to \$10.10 per hour?" Dane County voters approved this item by 73.6% yes votes and
106 26.4% no votes.
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111 25) Medicaid Expansion: Support implementation of the Medicaid expansion under the federal Affordable
112 Care Act (ACA). Allow Wisconsin to use the Medicaid option to close the gap in BadgerCare for childless
113 adults. If WI closes the gap, full federal funding will be available for three years 2014-2016, followed by
114 gradual reductions to 90% by 2020. ACA creates other innovative benefits and programs that states and
115 counties will help to implement, including a new mandatory coverage group for young adults who leave foster
116 care up to the age of 26 years old.

117 26) County Jail: Support full state funding for probation/parole holds; continued support for the Treatment
118 Alternative Program (TAP); more funding for incarceration alternatives; support Justice Impact Statements.

119 27) Court Interpreters: Support appointing court interpreters to all cases regardless of indigency and
120 support an increase in state funding for reimbursement to counties for interpreter services.

121 28) Wisconsin Community Justice Reinvestment Act: Support creation of WCJRA to provide sentencing
122 judges with more effective treatment options while reducing the prison population and sharing the savings with
123 counties to fund local criminal justice/treatment programs.

124 **29) Medicaid Expansion Funding: Enacted referendum question for 11/4/14 Election ballot,**
125 **“Shall the Governor and Legislature accept available federal funds for BadgerCare to ensure that**
126 **thousands of Wisconsin Citizens have Access to quality and affordable health coverage?”**
127 **Dane County voters approved by 81.7% yes votes and 18.3% no votes.**
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Criminal Justice and Public Safety

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132 1) State Court System: Increase state funding of the circuit court system, including court security.

133 2) Victim-Witness Program: Support full state funding of program costs.

134 3) Child Support: Request the Legislature designate additional state monies to the Wisconsin County
135 Child Support Program in order to continue to provide the current high level of service.

136 4) EMS Services: Support legislation that encourages financial support of volunteers in emergency
137 medical services and that address liability issues and professional standards. Support state reimbursement for
138 radio frequency and upgrade requirements.

139 5) Clerk of Court Fees: Pursue statutory changes to increase the county share of fines/forfeitures.

140 6) License Fee: Support \$12 for driver's license suspension if the fee is payable by the defendant.

141 7) Communications Surcharge for 911 Systems: **Support legislation that authorizes surcharges on**
142 **telephones, both for landline/wireless phones and any current/future communications technology that**
143 **accesses the 911 system. Surcharges would be used to defray the property tax cost of operation and**
144 **equipment for local 911 systems. Remove the Sunset clause within WI Act 48 and include**
145 **personnel/operational costs as an allowable cost under the surcharge. Provide local government**
146 **access to landline surcharge funds. Support legislation to redirect electronic communications**
147 **surcharge to County 911 Centers.**

148 8) Recording Fees: Support legislation that allows counties to re-coup the cost of locating/recording 911
149 records for individuals when the costs of searching/recording those records exceed \$25. Current statutes
150 prohibit counties from recouping the cost when the cost exceeds \$50.

151 9) Conceal and Carry Weapons: Provide an exclusion for the facilities and grounds of the Alliant Energy
152 Center, “Weapons may not be carried onto the grounds, parking lots or areas associated with convention,
153 entertainment and sporting facilities nor brought into venues where the public assembles for tradeshow,
154 demonstrations, conventions, consumer shows, entertainment, sporting or educational events, including zoos,
155 convention centers, arenas, horse arenas, hockey arenas, concert and sporting venues for public assembly
156 events, including when those facilities are used for private events.”; oppose weapons in institutions of higher
157 learning, public schools, child care facilities, community centers and health care facilities; and amend conceal
158 and carry legislation to increase all fee amounts to provide County Sheriffs with sufficient funds to administer
159 the conceal and carry law.

160 10) First Responder Training: Require training for first responders (police officers, paramedics...) on
161 appropriate procedures for identifying, assisting and interacting with older adults who may have complications
162 from abuse, dementia, mental health or other disorders.

163 11) Domestic Violence: Support state funding for domestic violence prevention, intervention and
164 prosecution, including funding for three ADA positions dedicated to domestic violence, and shelter services.

- 165 12) Fee Increase for Jury Trial: Support legislation to increase the fee for a jury trial from \$6 to \$15. The
166 funding is needed to offset increases in juror compensation.
- 167 13) Prisoner Hospitalization: Oppose any legislation that would reverse/overturn the WI Supreme Court
168 ruling on the Meriter case. Update the statutory language regarding prisoner hospitalization.
- 169 14) Industrial Hemp: Support legalizing the production of industrial hemp.
- 170 15) District Attorney Funding: Support increased state funding for more Assistant District Attorney positions
171 to meet growing caseloads.
- 172 16) Criminal Background Check: Support additional funds to the Department of Justice to enable the
173 conducting of uniform criminal background checks of to-be-hired direct care workers by public and non-profit
174 agencies.
- 175 17) Emergency Communications Interoperability: Enact local and state communication networks for
176 disaster events and fund through State grants.
- 177 18) Interstate Traffic Tickets: Amend State Statutes allowing Wisconsin to join the Interstate Compact on
178 Traffic Forfeitures to facilitate collection of out of state traffic violators and capture a needed revenue source for
179 the state and county.
- 180 19) Multi-line Telephone System (MLTS) calls to 911: Support legislation requiring owner/operators of
181 these systems to deliver to Wisconsin 9-1-1 Centers precise location information instead of merely the
182 "headquarters office" location and call-back numbers now delivered when callers from their system dial 9-1-1
183 seeking aid.
- 184 20) Support Gun Control: Ban habitual criminals from obtaining concealed carry permits, make the
185 purchase of a firearm for someone who is prohibited from possessing a firearm a felony, make the possession
186 of a concealed firearm by those prohibited under Wisconsin law a felony and require that private gun sales be
187 subject to criminal background checks performed by a federally licensed gun dealer.
- 188 21) Mental Health Screenings: Support and fund mental health screening and treatment for inmates in
189 county juvenile detention, shelter homes and county jails.
- 190 **22) Legalize Marijuana: Enacted a referendum for Spring 2014 Election ballot, "Should the state
191 government enact legislation legalizing marijuana?" Dane County voters approved by 64.5% yes votes
192 and 35.5% no votes.**
- 193 **23) Open Records Law: Support updating the open records law to cover all county costs for new
194 and emerging labor-intensive records requests and associated costs including redaction.**

Human Services

General Issues

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- 200 1) Key Funding Streams: Support Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increases in key funding areas from
201 the state including Youth Aids, Community Aids, COP and CIP.

Economic Assistance

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- 205 1) W-2 Funding: Support funding to pay all W-2 cash benefits and administrative expenses
- 206 2) TANF Childcare: Support sufficient funding for TANF childcare. Expand eligibility to include childcare
207 support for low-income individuals pursuing higher education leading to employment.
- 208 3) Homeless Services: Provide additional State funding for services to assist individuals, unaccompanied
209 youth and families who are homeless.
- 210 4) Property Tax Exemptions Low Income Housing: Clarify 70.11 Wis. Stats. to define "maintenance" as
211 "repair and maintenance of property, capital replacements, insurance premiums, project management, debt
212 retirement, project-related reserves, general administrative expenses, resident services, utilities, financing
213 costs, preservation expenses and similar project-related expenses."
- 214 5) Centralization of Economic Support Programs: Oppose initiatives to remove income maintenance
215 administration from counties and create a centralized income maintenance unit.
- 216 6) Medicaid Funding: Support enabling counties to accept/administer Medicaid funding at the county
217 level.
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220 7) ~~Medicaid Expansion Funding: Enacted 11/4/14 referendum ballot question, "Shall Governor &~~
221 ~~Legislature accept available federal funds for BadgerCare to ensure that thousands of Wisconsin~~
222 ~~citizens have access to quality and affordable health coverage?" Dane County voters approved this~~
223 ~~item by 81.7% yes votes and 18.3% no votes.~~

224 8) Drug Testing: Oppose legislation that would enact drug testing as a requirement for public
225 benefits.

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227 Services to Older Adults, the Developmentally/Physically Disabled and Mentally Ill

229 1) Birth to Three: Support additional financial support from the state for this program. Support a
230 modification of State Statutes to require health insurers to make third party payments to defray the cost of Birth
231 to Three care for families that have private health insurance policies.

232 2) Community Support Program (CSP): Continue program. Have additional state funding to help reduce
233 county costs and serve those whom can benefit from the program.

234 3) RSVP Services: Support increased funding for the RSVP Program

235 4) Seniorcare and BadgerCare: Maintain Seniorcare and BadgerCare continuing programs.

236 5) Handicap Access: Support "visit ability" legislation to allow handicap access devices in new homes or
237 eliminate barriers in older homes.

238 6) Long Term Care Reform: Plans developed by the state in the area of long term care need to protect
239 quality and availability of services to consumers and maintain control by the county of programs or relieve the
240 county of financial aid and/or legal obligations for the programs and participants if the county is not involved
241 with these programs in the future. The required county contribution towards LTC should be equitably
242 negotiated. Support adequate funding for the start-up and ongoing funding of ADRCs. Amend Chapter 55 to
243 delineate state and county responsibilities.

244 7) Equitable Funding for Long Term Care: Extend higher federal MA reimbursement rates under the
245 federal stimulus package to current county-administered long term care MA waiver programs where county
246 revenues comprise the non-federal match. Support freezing further county participation in Family Care until
247 the State can fully fund county program start-up costs and find more equitable ways of funding Family Care
248 without penalizing counties, such as Dane, for the substantial financial commitment and innovative approaches
249 already taken to meet long term care needs of its residents."

250 8) Employment Services for Older Adults: Extend the use of state **and county** funds to encourage the
251 business community and technical colleges to create and support retraining and placement of older adults
252 entering/re-entering employment, especially those lacking English proficiency.

253 9) Family Caregivers: Provide financial support and tax credits to family caregivers.

254 10) Dementia Patient Rights: Oppose **2013 AB 575 which** imposes ~~legislation to impose~~ new
255 guardianship requirements, involuntary psychotropic drug administration and emergency detention
256 requirements in Chapters 51 and 55.

257 **11) Comprehensive Community Services (CCS): Support continued full funding of the State match.**

258 **12) InvestaCare (Long Term Care Investment Fund): Support legislation to establish a long term**
259 **care investment savings program for individuals 18 years and older to meet future long term care**
260 **needs through financial contributions.**

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262 Programs to Serve Children, Youth and Families

264 1) Kinship Care: Support funding to meet needs of all that are eligible.

265 2) Wisconsin Medicaid Cost Reporting (WIMCR): Eliminate WIMCR program or fully reimburse counties
266 for the revenues they would have received under the Community Services Deficit Reduction Benefit (CSDRB)
267 and Community Based Medicaid Administrative Claiming (CBMAC) programs which were impacted by the
268 creation of WIMCR.

269 3) Family Child Care: Support legislation to extend the state rules governing foster care background
270 checks to family day care providers.

271 4) At-Risk Youth Report to School Board: Develop a program for newly released at- risk students to
272 interact with/give progress reports to school boards.

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278 Public Health Services
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- 280 1) Response to Local Public Health Emergencies: Support legislation that recognizes the critical role of
281 local Public Health Departments in responding to public health emergencies and provides adequate funding to
282 respond to all threats to public health.
283 2) Public Health Prevention: Support initiatives that maintain the integrity and effectiveness of public
284 health prevention services.
285 3) Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease: Support the WI Department of Health and Family Services in its efforts to
286 amend the administrative code to include Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease as a reportable disease.
287 4) Medical Marijuana: Support legislation allowing residents with debilitating medical conditions to acquire
288 and possess marijuana for medical purposes if supported by their physician. Dane County voters approved
289 this item in 11/2/10 general election, 75.49% yes and 24.50% no.
290 5) Women's Health Care: Repeal all state laws that prohibit women from having access to safe and legal
291 abortions, that don't protect women's health and don't ensure a woman's dignity, equality and autonomy.
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293 Veteran Services
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- 295 1) Armed Forces: Support the Dane County soldiers who are presently serving. Support protecting
296 families and jobs rather than utilizing precious resources and funds to wage a war.
297 2) VFW Halls: Support a property tax exemption for chartered veterans' organizations.
298 3) Property Tax Credit: Eliminate the 65 year old age limit, drop the disability rating from 100% to 30% or
299 greater, and allow 10 consecutive years of Wisconsin residency after separation (this expands eligibility to
300 veteran applicants whose home of record was not Wisconsin).
301 4) Trust Fund: Support an increase from state GPR to help stabilize the Trust Fund so veterans will no
302 longer pay for their own benefits and programs. The Trust Fund is financed through veteran programs such as
303 personal and home loans.
304 5) Wisconsin GI Bill: Fully fund the Wisconsin GI Bill without any limitations on eligibility.
305 6) State Funding for the Veteran Trust Fund: Support increased funding in the State budget bill to insure
306 solvency of the Veterans Trust Fund including but not limited to, the exploration of permanent state funding for
307 the WI Dept. of Veteran Affairs and the veteran programs/benefits that the Department oversees.
308 7) Ending Veteran Homelessness: Support ending veteran homelessness by 2015 through maximizing
309 state and federal resources and streamlining local housing processes.
310 **8) Mass Transit for Disabled Veterans: Support fully funding bus passes and other mass transit**
311 **costs for all service-connected disabled veterans in all Wisconsin locations and transit programs.**
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313 Transportation, Land Use and the Environment Re-Format
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- 315 ~~1) Water Quality: Maintain level of DNR funds for water quality planning and watershed projects.~~
316 ~~Support increased DNR financial assistance as an incentive to reduce non point source pollution.~~
317 ~~Seek a fair share of state funding for inland waterways and lakes. Target state funds to where there is~~
318 ~~a high likelihood of project success, where recipient units of government have a proven track record of~~
319 ~~meeting state and local water resource goals. Support legislation to provide additional funding and~~
320 ~~staffing for local water quality protection, improvement and unfunded mandates.~~
321 ~~2) Local Transportation: Support a greater share of state and federal transportation funding going~~
322 ~~toward local transportation needs and services. Funding should be increased for General~~
323 ~~Transportation Aids, State Highway Maintenance, the County Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS)~~
324 ~~and Specialized Transportation for older adults and persons with disabilities. Require "farmland~~
325 ~~mitigation" for highway improvement projects. In addition, funding formulas that discriminate against~~
326 ~~urban counties should be revised and the local match (now 50%) for CHIPS should be decreased.~~
327 ~~Support state-federal funding for Amtrak service to Milwaukee and Madison. Support continued state~~
328 ~~funding for further planning and implementation of a commuter rail system and regional bus links to~~

329 ~~outlying communities in Dane County. Also, support increased funding for Transport 2020 and rail~~
330 ~~rehabilitation and purchases.~~

331 ~~Support state/federal funding for the Midwest Regional Rail Initiative.~~

332 ~~3) Bicycle Trail Funding: Work with Legislators and State Agencies to obtain transportation aids~~
333 ~~for bicycle trails with significant commuter traffic. Support allowing bike path maintenance costs to be~~
334 ~~eligible for transportation aids. Support the creation and development of a statewide Bike Trail Task~~
335 ~~Force. Integrate bicycle transportation into future commuter transportation systems.~~

336 ~~4) Regional Trail System: Request DNR assistance in development of regional trail systems.~~

337 ~~5) Highway Workers Safety: Earmark a portion of every state construction/maintenance contract~~
338 ~~to fund increased local law enforcement in construction/maintenance zones.~~

339 ~~6) Soil Erosion: Support DNR and/or legislative streamlining of NR297 process to deal more~~
340 ~~quickly with cropland soil erosion that threatens water resources. Control soil erosion to acceptable~~
341 ~~limits, e.g., tolerable soil loss levels, for the production of food and fiber. Support DATCP Soil and~~
342 ~~Water Resource Management programs implementation, e.g., NR243 cost sharing and Land and Water~~
343 ~~Resource Management Plan implementation and cost sharing.~~

344 ~~7) Recycling: Support long-term state funding for state's recycling program. Support continued~~
345 ~~state efforts to expand markets for recycled materials. Amend statutes to allow local governments or~~
346 ~~other entities to receive more than one state grant for innovative demonstration projects.~~

347 ~~8) Landfill Siting: Allow municipalities to replace existing public landfills without a new DNR~~
348 ~~needs determination. Amend statutes to modify landfill negotiation-mediation process to include~~
349 ~~counties as an appropriate governing body for the approval of negotiated agreements. Amend~~
350 ~~statutes to prohibit the construction of landfills until the mediation-negotiating process is complete.~~

351 ~~9) Cleansweep: Support increased state/federal funding for household and Ag Clean Sweep.~~

352 ~~10) Boating Laws: Support legislation making fines and associated penalties for drunken boating~~
353 ~~commensurate with those for drunken driving.~~

354 ~~11) Stewardship Fund: Support annually adjusting the State Stewardship Fund for inflation to~~
355 ~~maintain at least 1990 funding levels. Eliminate Stewardship Fund requirements for hunting and~~
356 ~~trapping.~~

357 ~~12) State Urban Forestry Grants: Allow towns, counties, and non-profits to access both the federal~~
358 ~~and state funds in the Urban Forestry Grant Program.~~

359 ~~13) Payments in Lieu of Taxes: Authorize counties to make payments in lieu of taxes to other local~~
360 ~~units of government when the county takes land off the tax rolls for conservation purposes.~~

361 ~~14) Holding Tanks as Systems of Last Resort: Support changes in statutes and administrative rules~~
362 ~~that oppose using holding tanks except as a last resort for new and replacement septic systems.~~
363 ~~Modify rules and statutes to ensure funding from the Wisconsin Fund is for the least costly systems,~~
364 ~~excluding holding tanks, unless a holding tank is the system of last resort.~~

365 ~~15) Revise Formula for DATCP Administrative Funding to Counties: Support a revision in the~~
366 ~~formula the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) uses to distribute~~
367 ~~administrative funding to counties for administration of the Farmland Preservation Program, Nutrient~~
368 ~~Management Program and the implementation of performance standards. Use criteria for distribution~~
369 ~~that include number of farms, acres of cropland, number of livestock and amount of resource waters in~~
370 ~~a county.~~

371 ~~16) State Commercial Building Code: Support the exemption from the state Commercial Building~~
372 ~~Code of farm buildings used for agricultural purposes or horse boarding/stabling facilities.~~

373 ~~17) Fair Motorboat Gas Tax Allocation: Support legislation to fairly allocate motorboat fuel tax~~
374 ~~through a more equitable distribution formula.~~

375 ~~18) Stormwater Utility: Amend the WI Stats. to allow counties to create and manage a stormwater~~
376 ~~utility.~~

377 ~~19) Mercury Products Ban: The State should ban the sale of mercury-containing products, with the~~
378 ~~exception of dental fillings and fluorescent lamps. If the ban is implemented on a phased-in basis,~~
379 ~~retailers should be required to take back for recycling those mercury-containing products that they are~~
380 ~~selling until the ban for each product takes effect.~~

381 ~~20) Boater Registration Act: Authorize the state to license, regulate, and require education/training~~
382 ~~for operation of motorized watercraft.~~

383 ~~21) Mercury Rules: Support changes to the mercury rules to achieve a 90% reduction per DNR rule.~~

- 384 ~~22) Wisconsin Land Information Program: Support the continuation of the Wisconsin Land~~
385 ~~Information Program and grants.~~
- 386 ~~23) DNR Budget Reductions: Oppose reductions in DNR staffing that affect Dane County water~~
387 ~~programs (water regulatory programs, lake/fishery, runoff specialists, conservation wardens, land~~
388 ~~conservation and parks programs), and others).~~
- 389 ~~24) Comprehensive Planning: Oppose legislation, which repeals the comprehensive planning~~
390 ~~statutes.~~
- 391 ~~26) Power Plants: Support efforts to clean up dirty power plants.~~
- 392 ~~27) Transmission Lines: Request the State supports an independent study of the need for~~
393 ~~additional high voltage transmission lines through Dane County.~~
- 394 ~~28) Takings Legislation: Oppose legislation that would require county government to compensate~~
395 ~~real property owners for restricted use or loss of property value as a result of law or regulations.~~
- 396 ~~29) Greenhouse Air Pollution: Reduce greenhouse air pollution by updating and implementing the~~
397 ~~Governor's Global Warming Task Force recommendations and increasing funding for county energy~~
398 ~~efficiency measures. Provide funding for county-level climate action planning, mitigation and~~
399 ~~adaptation.~~
- 400 ~~30) Airport Authority: Oppose legislation that takes airport governance away from county~~
401 ~~government and gives it to a private/public airport authority.~~
- 402 ~~31) American Transmission Company (ATC) Requirement: Urge Wisconsin Public Service~~
403 ~~Commission to require ATC to construct power lines underground to protect Dane County economic~~
404 ~~and environmental resources while enhancing resiliency and reliability during extreme weather events.~~
- 405 ~~32) Reduce Fine Particle Emissions: Target fine particle pollution non-attainment areas by~~
406 ~~providing increased funding and new incentives for fine particle emission reduction programs,~~
407 ~~including programs that reduce emissions from transportation sources and point sources through the~~
408 ~~increased use of alternative fuels, renewable energy sources, and energy efficiency improvements.~~
- 409 ~~33) Diesel Idling Regulations: Support statewide implementation of diesel idling regulations for~~
410 ~~trucks, buses and other diesel engines.~~
- 411 ~~34) Comprehensive Approach to Control Lake Levels: Request the DNR to adopt a comprehensive~~
412 ~~approach to managing the levels of the lakes through collaboration with affected parties, including~~
413 ~~dam operators, municipalities and regulatory agencies toward improving natural hydrologic conditions~~
414 ~~and habitat.~~
- 415 ~~35) Oppose State Increases in Landfill/Solid Waste Fees and Program Reductions: Oppose state~~
416 ~~increases to the landfill recycling tipping fee and environmental repair fee. Oppose the elimination or~~
417 ~~reduction of recycling and solid waste programs.~~
- 418 ~~36) Verona Road Project: Support mitigation measures to lessen the impact of the Verona Road~~
419 ~~construction project on surrounding neighborhoods and local businesses. Those measures include~~
420 ~~noise barriers, monitoring air quality, preservation of commercial areas, minimizing impacts on~~
421 ~~established neighborhoods, storm water management (steer away from Dunn's Marsh), and develop~~
422 ~~bike lanes, pedestrian/bicycle bridges and sidewalks on frontage and neighborhood roads.~~
- 423 ~~37) Alternative Energy Production: Support statewide funding in the form of grants and incentives~~
424 ~~leading to the increased use of renewable energy sources such as wind, solar and biomass.~~
- 425 ~~38) Green Jobs Economic Development: Support statewide funding in the form of grants or~~
426 ~~incentives, for counties to develop, create and attract green job opportunities with green companies or~~
427 ~~industry.~~
- 428 ~~39) Keep Asian Carp Out of Wisconsin Waterways: Call on the WI Department of Natural Resources~~
429 ~~and the federal government to increase their efforts to stop the destructive advance of the Asian carp~~
430 ~~through Wisconsin.~~
- 431 ~~40) Mining Reform: Monitor mining reform legislation, oppose provisions that usurp local~~
432 ~~government role and suspend floodplain rules that would nullify flood insurance and federal disaster~~
433 ~~assistance.~~
- 434 ~~41) Renewable Energy: Oppose legislation that restricts or prevents waste-to-energy and~~
435 ~~renewable energy as viable energy sources for utilities and consumers.~~

438 ~~42) — North Mendota Parkway: Oppose the construction of four lanes on Main Street (HWY 19) in~~
439 ~~Waunakee. Support an update of the 2003 North Mendota Parkway traffic study, and request WIDOT to~~
440 ~~consider how the proposed North Mendota Parkway, Hwy 19, CTH K, CTH M and Hwy 13 relate to each~~
441 ~~other and Hwy 12. Support an implementation review of the “North E-Way”.~~

442 ~~43) — Restore Funding for Soil & Water Resource Management Program: Return \$9.3 million to state~~
443 ~~aid for county conservation employees who assist WI farmers and help grow the state’s agriculture~~
444 ~~industry.~~

445 ~~44) — Clean Energy Choice: Support legislation to increase affordability/sustainability of renewable~~
446 ~~energy in Wisconsin.~~

447 ~~45) — Divestment from Fossil Fuels: Support zero investments in fossil fuel companies for Dane~~
448 ~~County, all local governments and state institutions.~~

449 ~~46) — Support Local Control of Erosion and Storm Water Management Standards: Oppose~~
450 ~~standardizing regulation of construction site erosion, storm water management and prohibiting local~~
451 ~~governments from enacting local ordinances that are stricter than statewide standards.~~

452 ~~47) — Support Local Control of Nonmetallic Mining: Oppose any state legislation that preempts local~~
453 ~~governments from enacting their own nonmetallic mining regulations and oversight of air/water~~
454 ~~quality, highway damage, noise and use contracts.~~

455 ~~48) — Update Wisconsin 2030 State Rail Plan: Support funding and planning for intercity rail serving~~
456 ~~Dane County and Madison and urge WIDOT to work with Minnesota DOT on Milwaukee-Twin Cities~~
457 ~~High Speed Rail Study.~~

458 ~~49) — Water Management: Support local governmental efforts to improve water management through~~
459 ~~water conservation, a balanced water budget and enhanced groundwater recharge.~~

460 ~~50) — High Capacity Wells: Oppose limiting, relaxing or thwarting the regulation of high capacity~~
461 ~~wells.~~

462 ~~51) — Foreign Interests In Farmland: Oppose legislation that removes limits on foreign ownership of~~
463 ~~Wisconsin agricultural land.~~

Transportation, Land Use and the Environment

Water Quality

Funding

- Water quality planning and watershed projects. Maintain level of DNR funds.
- Reduction of nonpoint source pollution. Support increased DNR financial assistance.
- Inland lakes and waterways. Seek a fair share of state funding. (Target state funds to
477 where there is a high likelihood of project success, where recipient units of government
478 have a proven track record of meeting state and local water resource goals).
- Local water quality. Support legislation to provide additional funding and staffing for local
480 water quality protection improvement unfunded mandates.
- Water management. Support local governmental efforts to improve water management
482 through water conservation, a balanced water budget and enhanced groundwater recharge.
- High Capacity Wells. Oppose limiting, relaxing or thwarting the regulation of high capacity
484 wells.

Local Transportation

Funding

- General local transportation. Support a greater share of state and federal transportation
491 funding going toward local transportation needs and services.

493 General Transportation Aids
494 State Highway Maintenance
495 County Highway Improvement Program
496 Specialized Transportation for older adults and persons with Disabilities

- 498 - Amtrak. Support state/federal funding for Amtrak service to Milwaukee and Madison.
- 499 - Commuter rail and regional bus service. Support continued state funding for further
500 planning and implementation of a commuter rail system and regional bus links to outlying
501 communities in Dane County.
- 502 - Transport 2020. Support increased funding for Transport 2020 and rail rehabilitation and
503 purchases.
- 504 - Midwest Regional Rail Initiative. Support state/federal funding.

505 Legislation/Rules

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- 508 - Require “farmland mitigation” for highway improvement projects.
- 509 - Revise funding formulas that discriminate against urban counties.
- 510 - Decrease 50% local match for CHIP
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512 Bicycle Trail Funding

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- 516 - Commuter bike trails. Work with legislators and state agencies to obtain transportation
517 aids for bicycle trails with significant commuter traffic.
- 518 - Bike path maintenance. Allow these costs to be eligible for transportation aids.
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520 Policy/Practice/ Planning

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- 522 - Statewide Task Force. Support the creation and development of a statewide Bike Trail Task
523 Force.
- 524 - Planning. Integrate bicycle transportation into future commuter transportation systems.
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526 Soil Erosion

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- 530 - Cropland soil erosion. Support DNR and/or legislative streamlining of NR 297 process to
531 deal more quickly with cropland soil erosion that threatens water resources.
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533 Policy/Practice/Planning

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- 535 - Control soil erosion to acceptable limits, e.g., tolerable soil loss levels, for the production
536 of food and fiber.
- 537 - Support DATCP Soil and Water Resources Management program’s implementation, e.g.,
538 NR 243 cost sharing and Land and Water Resource Management Plan Implementation and
539 cost sharing.
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541 Recycling

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- 545 - Statewide recycling. Support long-term state funding for state’s program.
- 546 - Recycled materials. Support continued state funding to expand markets.
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548 **Legislation/Rules**

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550 - **Innovation demonstration grants. Amend the statutes to allow local governments or other**
551 **entities to receive more than one state grant.**

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553 **Landfill Siting**

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555 **Legislation/Rules**

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557 - **Replacing existing public landfills. Allow municipalities to proceed without a new DNR**
558 **needs determination.**
559 - **Landfill negotiation-mediation process. Amend state statutes to modify the process to**
560 **include counties as an appropriate governing body for the approval of negotiated**
561 **agreements.**
562 - **Landfill negotiation-mediation process. Amend statutes to prohibit the construction of**
563 **landfills until the process is complete.**
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566 **Stewardship Fund**

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568 **Funding**

- 569 - **Support annual adjustment for inflation to maintain at least 1990 funding levels.**

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571 **Legislation/Rules**

- 572 - **Eliminate requirements for hunting and trapping**

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576 **Formula for DATCP Administrative Funding to Counties**

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578 **Funding**

- 579 - **Support revision used to distribute funding to counties for administration of Farmland**
580 **Preservation Program, Nutrient Management Program and the implementation of**
581 **performance standards.**

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583 **Legislation/ Rules**

- 584 - **Use criteria for distribution that include number of farms, acres of cropland, number of**
585 **livestock and amount of resource waters in a county.**
586 - **Foreign Interests in Farmland. Oppose legislation that removes limits on foreign**
587 **ownership of Wisconsin agricultural land.**
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592 **Miscellaneous Budget Items:**

- 593 - **Alternative energy production. Support statewide funding in the form of grants and**
594 **incentives leading to the increased use of renewable energy sources such as wind solar**
595 **and biomass.**
596 - **Clean Sweep. Support increased state/federal funding for household and agriculture Clean**
597 **Sweep.**
598 - **DNR budget reductions. Oppose reductions in staffing that affect Dane County water**
599 **programs (regulatory, lake/fishery, runoff specialists, conservation wardens, land**
600 **conservation and parks programs). and others).**
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- Green jobs economic development. Support statewide funding in the form of grants and incentives for counties to develop, create and attract green job opportunities with green companies or industry.
- Greenhouse air pollution. Reduce by updating and implementing Governor's Global Warming Task Force recommendations and increasing funding for county energy efficiency measure. (July 2008). Provide funding for county-level climate action planning, mitigation and adaptation.
- Highway Workers Safety. Earmark a portion of every state construction/maintenance contract to fund increased local law enforcement in construction/maintenance zones.
- Reduce Fine Particle Emissions. Target fine-particular pollution non-attainment areas by providing increasing funding and new incentives for fine particle emission reduction programs.
- Soil & Water Resource Management Program. Return \$9.3 million to state aid for county conservation employees who assist Wisconsin farmers and help grow the state's agricultural industry. (\$1.3 million cut in 2011-20123 state budget)
- Transmission Study. Request the state support an independent study of the needs for additional high voltage transmission lines through Dane County.
- Wisconsin 2030 State Rail Plan. Support funding and planning for intercity rail serving Dane County and Madison and urge WIDOT to work with Minnesota DOT on Milwaukee-Twin Cities High Speed Rail Study.

Miscellaneous Legislative/Rules items:

- Clean energy choice. Support legislation to increase affordability/sustainability of renewable energy in Wisconsin.
- Renewable energy. Oppose legislation that restricts or prevents waste-to-energy and renewable energy as viable energy sources for utilities and consumers.
- Comprehensive planning. Oppose legislation which repeals applicable statutes.
- State urban forestry grants. Allow towns, counties and nonprofits to access both federal and state funds.
- Local control of erosion and storm water management standards. Oppose standardizing regulation of construction site erosion, storm water management and prohibiting local government from enacting local ordinances that are stricter than statewide standards.
- Stormwater utility. Amend the state statutes to allow counties to create and manage a stormwater utility.
- State commercial building code. Support the exemption from the state commercial building code of farm buildings used for agricultural purposes or horse boarding/stabling facilities.
- Landfill/solid waste fees and program reductions.

Oppose state increases to landfill recycling tipping fee and environmental repair fee
Oppose elimination or reduction of recycling and solid waste programs
- Mining Reform. Oppose provisions that usurp local government's role and suspend floodplain rules that would nullify flood insurance and federal disaster assistance.
- Local control of nonmetallic mining. Oppose state legislation that preempts local governments from enacting their own regulations and oversight of air/water quality, highway damage, noise and use contracts.
- Payments in lieu of taxes. Authorize counties to make payments in lieu of taxes to other local units of government when the county takes land off the tax rolls for conservation purposes.
- Takings legislation. Oppose legislation that requires county government to compensate real property owners for restricted use or loss of property value as a result of law or regulations.

- Mercury Projects ban. Ban the sale of mercury-containing products, with the exemption of dental fillings and fluorescent lamps. (If ban is implemented on phased in basis, retailers should be required to take back for recycling those mercury-containing products that they are selling until the ban for each product take effect).
- Mercury Rules. Support changes to mercury rules to achieve a 90% reduction per DNR rule.
- Boating Laws. Support legislation making fines and associated penalties for drunken boating commensurate with those for drunk driving.
- Boater Registration Act. Authorize the state to license, regulate and require education/training for operation of motorized watercraft.
- Fair Motorboat Gas Tax Allocation. Support legislation to fairly allocate motorboat fuel tax through a more equitable distribution formula.
- Diesel Idling Regulation. Support statewide implementation for trucks, buses and other diesel engines.
- Holding Tanks As Systems of Last Resort.

Support changes in statutes and administrative rule that oppose using holding tanks as a last resort for new and replacement septic systems.
Modify rules and statutes to ensure funding from the Wisconsin Fund is for the least costly systems, excluding holding tanks, unless a holding tank is the system of last resort.
- Airport Authority. Oppose legislation that takes governance away from county government and gives it to a private/public airport authority.

Miscellaneous Policy/Practice/Planning Items:

- American Transmission Company (ATC) Requirement. Urge Wisconsin Public Service Commission to require ATC to construct power lines underground to protect Dane County economic and environmental resources while enhancing resiliency and reliability during extreme weather events.
- Asian Carp. Encourage the DNR and the federal to increase efforts to stop the destructive advance of Asian carp through Wisconsin.
- Comprehensive Approach to Control Lake Levels. Request the DNR to adopt a comprehensive approach to managing the levels of lakes through collaboration with affected parties, including dam operators, municipalities and regulatory agencies toward improving natural hydrologic conditions and habitat.
- Divestment of Fossil Fuels. Support zero investments in fossil fuel companies for Dane County, all local governments and state institutions.
- North Mendota Parkway

Oppose construction of four lanes on Main Street (State Highway 19) in Waunakee.
Support an update of the 2003 North Mendota Parkway traffic study and request WIDOT to consider how the proposed Parkway, State Highway 19, CTH K and State Highway 13 relate to each other and US Highway 12.
Support an implementation review of the North "E-Way".
- Power Plants. Support efforts to clean up dirty power plants.
- Regional Trail System Planning. Request DNR assistance in development of regional trail systems.
- Verona Road Project. Support mitigation measures to lessen the impact of construction on surrounding neighborhoods and businesses. Those measures include noise barriers, monitoring air quality, preservation of commercial areas, minimizing impacts on

established neighborhoods, stormwater management (steer away from Dunn's Marsh) and develop bike lanes, pedestrian/bicycle bridges and sidewalks on frontage and neighborhood roads and mass transit alternatives to alleviate traffic.

- Wisconsin Land Information Program. Support the continuation of this program and grants.
- Greenhouse Air Pollution. Provide funding for county-level climate action planning, mitigation and adaptation.

Local Government Services

~~1) Shared Revenue: Support additional funding for the County Mandate Relief Fund; allow counties to be credited for 100% (now 85%) of local purpose revenues. Oppose elimination of Small Municipalities Shared Revenue program. Support a county expenditure restraint program; and oppose the imposition of cost controls on counties.~~

2) Fees/Licenses: State-set fees collected by counties should fairly cover administrative costs.

3) Libraries: Enforce compliance with WI Stats. 43.24(6) which require state funding for public library systems at 13% of local library expenditures.

4) Elections: Support state funding for costs of state elections.

5) 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.

6) Association Memberships: Amend WI Stats. 59.07(27) to require a simple majority vote of the county board of supervisors to purchase membership in an association of county boards.

7) Utility Deregulation: Oppose any deregulation that leads to higher consumer rates. Any attempts to restructure the delivery of electricity should address: reliability of electrical service, equitable benefits to large and small rate payers, the social and environmental impacts of restructuring and the ability of counties to aggregate to purchase electricity.

8) Election Reporting Requirements: State election law requires state candidates to report all contributions larger than \$500 made within 15 days of an election to be reported within 24 hours of receipt. Amend the statute to apply to county non-partisan elections and lower the threshold for these elections to \$100. Also require that these reports be delivered or faxed directly (instead of just postmarked) to the county clerk within the 24 hour time period.

State election law requires that campaign finance reports include the name, address, and place of employment of any individual whose cumulative annual contributions total more than \$100. Amend the statutes to set a lower threshold than \$100 for local elections.

9) Elections Board: Support legislation that would provide for county authority to create and administer an elections board modeled after statutory language authorizing county ethics boards.

10) Electronic Filing: Support legislation that allows counties the option to require electronic filing for county campaigns.

11) Room Tax: Amend the room tax statutes to include counties.

12) Alliant Energy Center District: Provide 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.

13) County Board Elections: Change the state statutes requiring County Board members to be sworn in on the third Tuesday to allow the seating of temporary Board members until a recount is completed.

14) Preferential Voting: Support giving local governments the opportunity to adopt preferential voting for nonpartisan elections and guaranteeing trustworthy electronic voting systems.

15) TABOR/Property Tax Freeze: Urge state to pay for required programs to reduce property tax growth, not pass more constitutional amendments.

16) Offshore Contracting: Oppose the practice of contracting state of Wisconsin government functions or services to overseas companies/operations.

17) 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.

- 767 18) Reverse Marriage Ban: Support a constitutional amendment to delete the marriage ban amendment
768 adopted in the Fall '06 General Election.
- 769 19) Domestic Partnership Benefits: Continue to allow local governments to provide domestic partner
770 benefits.
- 771 20) State Contracts: Require the State to award contracts to vendors that extend spousal benefits to
772 include employees in domestic partner relationships.
- 773 21) Local Runoff Voting: Support allowing local governments the option of instituting instant runoff voting.
- 774 22) Manufactured Housing: Support legislation to amend state statutes to require adequate notice to
775 residents when mobile home parks are closing, require storm cellars/secure areas in manufactured housing
776 communities, encourage WHEDA to provide funding/financing for the purchase of housing on leased land,
777 remove any barriers to long term leases, allow the purchase of communities by residents and the development
778 of co-operative housing for manufactured housing communities.
- 779 23) Grant Program Continuity: Require that when the state awards contracts or otherwise funds a project,
780 the state should require sustainability as one criterion in the decision-making or contract selection process.
- 781 24) Buy Local: Provide and maintain state funding to create incentives for businesses and all levels of
782 government to buy local produce and products.
- 783 25) Arts Funding: Support increased funding for the arts across Wisconsin.
- 784 26) Restore Impact Fee Authority: Restore counties to the governmental entities that are authorized to levy
785 impact fees.
- 786 27) Affordable Housing Trust Fund: Support enabling legislation to allow Dane County to create an
787 Affordable Housing Trust Fund.
- 788 28) Dangerous Animals and Vicious Dog Ordinance: Amend state law to allow counties to enact stricter
789 ordinances to regulate dangerous animals and vicious dogs having countywide applicability.
- 790 29) Comprehensive School Funding Reform: Support changes in the school aid formula to align revenues
791 with educational costs. Distribute resources in accordance with the diverse needs of students and districts to
792 ensure every student receives a quality education. Support moving school funding away from reliance on
793 property taxes.
- 794 30) Support Wisconsin Workers' Rights to Organize and Collectively Bargain: Dane County is committed to
795 a fair and respectful bargaining process and in bargaining in good faith with our employees, even if state
796 statutes no longer require collective bargaining between Dane County and its employees. Oppose attacks on
797 workers' rights.
- 798 31) Population Change: Dane is nearing the 500,000 population mark. Support legislation to address
799 issues within the state statutes that pertain to counties with a population of 500,000 or more (Milwaukee
800 County) by changing the population figure to 750,000 or more throughout the state statutes. There are 160
801 provisions in state law that apply to counties that size. One of the most problematic provisions, the state
802 takeover of Dane County child welfare services, would cost county taxpayers \$58.8 million.
- 803 32) In-State Tuition for Immigrants: Support restoring the law for in-state tuition for state residents who
804 graduated from a Wisconsin High School, but lack proper immigration documentation.
- 805 33) Flood Insurance Threat: Oppose any proposal to suspend state floodplain rules that nullify federal
806 flood insurance and jeopardize federal disaster assistance for Wisconsin flood victims.
- 807 34) UW Cooperative Extension's Relationship with Dane County Extension Department and Wisconsin
808 Idea Partnership: Support Wisconsin Idea Partnership to address funding reductions to UW System through
809 the budget bill and the impacts that the Badger Partnership will create for UW Extension and its partnerships
810 with county extension agencies, including the Dane County Extension Department.
- 811 35) Changes to Wisconsin Redistricting Statutes: Oppose changes to the redistricting process that allow
812 the Wisconsin Legislature to develop a map of Congressional, Senatorial and Assembly districts prior to local
813 government input regarding ward boundaries.
- 814 36) Collective Bargaining Rights: Support workers having the right to seek safe working conditions,
815 benefits and fair pay through collective bargaining and oppose legislation that weakens it.
- 816 37) Online Retailers Sales Tax: Support legislation requiring online retailers with Wisconsin ties to collect
817 and remit WI State and local sales tax.
- 818 ~~38) Palermo's Worker Union: Support the Palermo Workers Union, endorse the consumer boycott
819 campaign and urge UW Madison to support the boycott.~~

- 820 39)) Reduce Holding Period for Unclaimed Animals from 7 to 3 Days: Change state law to reduce the
821 unclaimed animal holding period from 7 to 3 days. This would shorten the County/Humane Society holding
822 contract and allow the Dane County Humane Society to place an animal up for adoption much sooner.
- 823 40) Fair and Equitable Taxation: Support fair and equitable taxation without harming county revenue.
- 824 41) Public Funding for Elections: Support public funding/financing for local/state elections.
- 825 42) School Choice Expansion: Oppose any legislation/action to expand the voucher program or a similar
826 facsimile in the Madison Metropolitan School District or in any Dane County school system.
- 827 43) Oppose Milwaukee State-Imposed County Board Reform Restructuring: Oppose legislation **which**
828 **that** impedes ~~the Milwaukee a~~ County Board from governing, budgeting and hiring staff, ~~through referendum~~
829 ~~and state law without county input.~~
- 830 44) Tenants' Rights: Oppose legislation that prohibits local governments from enacting/enforcing
831 ordinances that regulate landlord/tenant relations which enhance fairness in landlord/tenant relations, foster
832 responsible property ownership and protect the safety & stability of neighborhoods
- 833 45) Collective Bargaining: Support legislation allowing local government the option to engage in collective
834 bargaining with public sector employees.
- 835 46) UW Hospital & Clinics (UWHC): Support restoring the rights of workers at UWHC.
- 836 47) Student Debt: Support legislation to lower student debt by any means possible including refinancing
837 loans, implementing tax breaks for those paying back the loans, reducing interest rates and ensuring tuition is
838 affordable.
- 839 **48) Nonpartisan Redistricting: Enacted a referendum for Spring 2014 Election ballot, "Should the**
840 **Wisconsin Constitution be amended to require a nonpartisan system for redistricting legislative and**
841 **congressional districts in the state? Dane County voters approved by 82.1% yes votes and 17.9% no**
842 **votes.**

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845 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dane County Board of Supervisors goes on record in
846 support of these recommendations of the Executive Committee; and

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848 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Dane County Legislative Lobbyist be directed to pursue
849 enactment of these legislative positions; and

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851 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution is sent to the Governor, the Leadership of
852 both Houses of the Legislature, Legislators representing Dane County, and the Wisconsin Counties
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