

1 SUB ____ to 2018 RES-420 (PROPOSED – KIEFER)
2 URGING ALLOCATION OF SPACE FOR SPIRITUAL CONTEMPLATION
3 IN THE CONSOLIDATED DANE COUNTY JAIL
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5 In 2017, Dane County approved the consolidation of its three jail facilities into a single building.
6 The consultants Mead and Hunt are currently designing a structure to be located on West Wilson
7 Street to adjoin the Public Safety Building. ~~The consolidated jail will have almost 100 fewer beds~~
8 ~~than the three existing facilities. It will also include space for medical services, youthful inmate~~
9 ~~housing, and programs and activities.~~

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12 There has been recent discussion of the importance of communal spiritual services/activities
13 reflection for those who are incarcerated, to meet their psycho-social, spiritual and emotional
14 needs and lift their spirits. It is important for the consolidated jail to have a space available for the
15 practice of all spiritual traditions, as well as other personal growth programs, e.g. tutoring,
16 recovery groups, parenting, etc, and the design of such a space should take into account the
17 desire to be inclusive. ~~While some have advocated for inclusion of a chapel in the design of the~~
18 ~~new facility, others point out that a broader and more inclusive conception of a spiritual space~~
19 ~~would be appropriate.~~

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22 ~~The design of the consolidated jail must balance competing needs. It may be necessary for a~~
23 ~~multi-purpose space to serve as a place of contemplation at scheduled times, rather than being~~
24 ~~available solely for this use.~~

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27 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dane County Board of Supervisors recognizes
28 the right of people who are incarcerated to have equitable access to attend personal and/or
29 communal spiritual services/activities according to their respective spiritual traditions and
30 practices and in compliance with Federal guidelines; and hereby urge ~~expresses our desire that~~
31 the Sheriff work with his office and any relevant consultants, along with Mead and Hunt, to ensure
32 that space for communal spiritual practices is include in identify ways to accommodate space for
33 this activity within the design and construction of the consolidated jail