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To: Personnel and Finance Committee
From: Luis Bixler
Director, Dane County Public Safety Communications (9-1-1)
Subject: Granting an Exception to Dane County Ordinance 20.16 – Prohibiting Travel to States that Discriminate

Dane County Ordinance (DCO) 20.16 prohibits travel to states that have enacted a law that has the effect of voiding protections against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression. Further, Dane County Ordinance 20.16(3)(c) and 20.21 provide that the Personnel and Finance Committee can grant exceptions to this prohibition.

This memo requests the Personnel and Finance Committee grant an exception to DCO 20.16 to allow Dane County Public Safety Communications to send a Communications Supervisor to attend the Communication Center Manager Program training course in San Antonio, Texas.

The Communication Center Manager Course is conducted by Fitch & Associates in partnership with the International Academies of Emergency Dispatch and is nationally recognized by the National Emergency Number Association. This course is a well-known and sought-after training that prepares call center managers and supervisors to advance in their careers. There are no similar programs that immerse the learner in the nuances of Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) management and prepare them to take the next step in advancing their careers.

If approved, Candy King, would travel to San Antonio for two one-week sessions. The first session would be from August 20 to August 26. The second session would be from October 22 to October 28.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please let me know if you have any questions.