

RESOLUTION FINDING THE CAPITAL AREA REGIONAL PLANNING
COMMISSION'S 2015 BUDGET CERTIFICATION UNREASONABLE

The Capital Area Regional Planning Commission (CARPC) submitted its 2015 budget certification to the Dane County Clerk on July 11, 2014. Pursuant to Section 66.0309(14)(b), the Dane County Board of Supervisors is responsible for providing the funding necessary to meet CARPC's budget charge.

CARPC certified a 2015 budget charge in the amount of \$1,319,000 which represents an unprecedented 76% increase over the 2014 budget charge that was allocated to the agency in 2014 from the county levy.

CARPC's increase is unreasonable because the 2015 budget charge is greater than what the Budget and Personnel Panel, the committee of stakeholders responsible for determining CARPC's budget, has authorized. CARPC's decision to arbitrarily disregard the Budget and Personnel Panel's budget decision is both a violation of its own bylaws and that of the charter resolution which established the regional planning commission. The budget certification is also unreasonable given the serious fiscal limitations imposed upon Dane County by statutory levy limits, and the CARPC charter resolution which clearly subjects CARPC's annual budget increases to "any levy limitations which apply to Dane County." Finally, the budget certification is unreasonable because the charter resolution limits CARPC's budget charge to a maximum of .0017 percent of Dane County's equalized value. By CARPC's own admission, the 2015 budget charge will amount to .0026% of the total equalized value. CARPC's blatant disregard of the expectations of the communities who worked to establish it undermines the goals that CARPC purports to serve.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dane County Board of Supervisors finds the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission's 2015 budget certification unreasonable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors directs the Corporation Counsel to initiate legal action to challenge CARPC's budget certification.