

REGISTRATION BEFORE COUNTY BOARD

DATE: 9/15/16

Name: Theresa Fishler

Item #/Petition/CUP # or Subject:

Municipality: _____

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wish to Speak in Support	<input type="checkbox"/> Wish to Speak in Opposition	<input type="checkbox"/> Available for Information Only
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registering in Support	<input type="checkbox"/> Registering in Opposition	

1. On this occasion, are you officially representing an organization or a person other than yourself?
 ☒ YES ☐ NO
 [If you checked "NO," STOP; you need not complete the rest of this form. If you checked "YES," go on to the next question.]

Name, address and telephone number of each person or organization you are representing:

Community Living Alliance
1414 Mae Arthur Rd
Madison WI 53708

Comments: Please support an increase in funding for DD & other community services

2. Are you being paid for your representation or appearing incidental to your other paid duties for this person or organization? ☐ YES ☒ NO
 [If you checked "NO" to the question, STOP; you need not complete the rest of this form. If you checked "YES," continue to the next question.]

3. Are you an elected official who is appearing solely on behalf of your office or for your municipality or other governmental body? ☐ YES ☐ NO
 [If you checked "YES," to the question, STOP; you need not complete the rest of this form except that you must sign this form. If you checked "NO," to the question, go on to the next question.]

4. Has or will the person or organization you represent spend more than \$500 on county lobbying activities during the current reporting period? ☐ YES ☐ NO
 (A reporting period is January to June or from July to December.)

5. Do you anticipate making more than 2 contacts with County Board supervisors other than at public hearings or meetings? ☐ YES ☐ NO
 (Do not count contacts with the County Board supervisor who represents the district in which you reside.)

[If you checked "NO," to questions 4 and 5 above, STOP; you need not complete the rest of this form. However, if you do make more than 2 contacts at a later date, you must then contact the County Clerk's office to file a form indicating such activity. You must also sign this form. If you checked "YES" to either question at this time, go on to the next question.]

6. If "YES," do you understand that if the person or organization you represent spends more than \$500 during the current reporting period, you must file a financial disclosure statement with the county clerk? ☐ YES ☐ NO
 [If you checked "NO" please call the County Clerk at 266-4121 or go to the Clerk's office at Room 106A of the City-County Building, Madison, for more information.]

Date: 9/15/16

Signature: Theresa Fishler
 Print Name: Theresa Fishler

Public Hearing Testimony
Sept. 15, 2016

Hello, my name is Theresa Fishler and I am the Director of Program Operations at Community Living Alliance. Thank you for the chance to speak tonight.

Community Living Alliance supports quality services for all people. Our organization serves people of all ages across the lifespan, from children with disabilities to adults with developmental disabilities or chronic health conditions to seniors.

CLA is a member of the Purchase of Service community. As a member of the POS community and the POS Leadership group, we collaborate with other organizations and are part of regular meetings with Lynn Green and other managers at Dane County to address issues of common concern to our organizations, to the County and to the people we serve. This collaboration has also extended to the County Executive's office and the County Board of Supervisors.

Thank you for your attention to supporting our work and to recognizing the fundamental values we share: that supporting people and families to have the best quality of life possible is a mission that benefits us all.

Last year we worked with you to support a cost of living adjustment. Thank you for your efforts last year to increase Dane County contract budgets by .8%. Although we all agreed that .8% didn't reflect a true costs of living adjustment, it acknowledged that POS contract amounts have been lagging behind the cost of living and was the first step in addressing the many years of flat funding.

Similar to last year, the POS Leadership group is asking the County Executive and the Board of Supervisors to **add a cost of living increase to the budget.**

Your continued efforts to increase funding to POS budgets will allow us to address the increasing costs to continue, work to recruit and retain quality staff and avoid reductions in service. *Workforce capacity and consistency directly impact quality outcomes for consumers.*

Additionally, thank you for your recent work to increase and fund the living wage in Dane County.

We see both the living wage and cost of living increase as equally important factors in maintaining a quality human services workforce in Dane County.

Thank you for your attention tonight. We appreciate your consideration.

