



CITY COUNTY HOMELESS ISSUES COMMITTEE

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TO: Dane County Executive Joe Parisi, Madison Mayor Paul Soglin,
Dane County Board of Supervisors, City of Madison Common Council

FROM: Linda Ketcham and Ulysses Williams, Co-Chairs, City County Homeless Issues Committee

RE: City County Homeless Issues Committee 2017 Budget Recommendations

CC: City County Homeless Issues Committee members

On behalf of the City County Homeless Issues, we want to thank you for your continued support for housing and homeless programs through both operating dollars and capital dollars in your respective budgets – in particular, your continued capital commitment to increase affordable housing development and your prioritization of permanent supportive housing, housing with low-barriers, housing for those re-entering our community following incarceration, and housing for those who earn a salary at or below 30% of the area median income.

While progress has been made, we all know a great need remains. We respectfully request an increased funding commitment in this area.

At our Monday, September 19th City County Homeless Issues Committee, the members present voted to recommend these items for consideration in your respective 2017 budget processes:

2017 Dane County and City of Madison Budget Items

- Provide full funding for the operation of the Day Resource Center and redirect interim services to the Day Resource Center when it opens. Overnight personal storage should be included as a component of the Day Resource Center's operations.

2017 Dane County Budget Items

- Provide funding for the Dane County living wage.
- Create an Affordable Housing Development and Strategy Director to oversee and coordinate the county's initiatives.
- Provide additional funding for tenant protection services.

- Dedicate the Human Services Department annual surplus to human services programming and to provide a cost of living adjustment (COLA) to contracted human services agencies working to generate that revenue.
- Dedicate the former Messner property for affordable housing development, or if the property is to be sold, commit the proceeds to the county's Affordable Housing Development Fund.

2017 City of Madison Budget Items

- Provide an increase in the City living wage to \$15 an hour as soon as possible.
- Provide additional funding to provide tenant protection services.
- Restore the 2.5% cut to homeless services in the Community Development Division's budget proposal.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of these requests.