

## DANE COUNTY

## Joe Parisi County Executive

November 23, 2016

To: Dane County Board of Supervisors

Fr: County Executive Joe Parisi

Re: Partial Veto of OA 52

Last week, when the County Board voted to raise the pay of the County Executive, County Board Supervisors and the County Board Chair, they did so with a veto-proof majority. That means, while I do not agree with their proposal to increase the wages of county elected officials, I do not have the ability to stop it from going into effect.

Given this fact, I have decided that going through the motions of issuing a full veto only to see it overturned, would serve no purpose other than to subject people in our community to even more political negativity after what has been an extremely negative political period in our nation's history. And at the end of the day, the result would remain the same: the salary increases enacted by the County Board under Ordinance Amendment (OA 52) would remain intact.

Therefore, I am issuing a partial veto of OA 52 to reject the salary increase for the Office of the County Executive. As a result of this partial veto, the salary of the County Executive will not increase over the next four years.

Just as when I voluntary returned a portion of my salary when my employees' pay was cut by Governor Walker's Act 10, I am now rejecting this raise because I believe it's the right thing to do given the uncertain times in which we live.