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Dear Commissioners,

In anticipation that we will be unable to have a representative in attendance at tonight's budget meeting, Clean Lakes Alliance would like go on record in support of both the Draft 2018 Water-Related Budget Recommendations and two additional considerations brought to our attention by Supervisor Erickson. In particular, we would like to underscore our support for the following proposed or considered items.

IN SUPPORT

I.B. Continue supporting adaptive management of phosphorus for healthy Dane County waters by supporting critical results-oriented research. Clean Lakes supports the proposed budget request that would fund development of a UW-Madison model and decision-making tool that can: 1) help the County more accurately determine in-lake water quality impacts of current and proposed management initiatives; and 2) more effectively target limited resources to ensure we achieve in-lake water quality goals in the face of climate change and other proven headwinds. Clean Lakes Alliance offers to seek funding through its own budget, contingent upon approval of its boards and committees this fall, to financially support this effort.

I.D. Maintain momentum on legacy sediment removal. As part of this effort, Clean Lakes Alliance also supports allocating funds to effectively quantify the impacts of the project in terms of actual phosphorus load reductions to the lakes. This information will be needed to credit the sediment-removal work completed each year toward meeting Yahara CLEAN phosphorus-reduction targets.

I.F. Develop a coordinated strategy for urban leaf management. Based on the latest research conducted by the U.S. Geological Survey, leaves that collect in streets represent a primary source of urban phosphorus loading to the lakes. This research is now contributing to an effort that, if successful, would allow WPDES-permitted municipalities to calculate and apply phosphorus credits related to new or expanded leaf-management programs. This budget recommendation will help ensure the effective coordination of public outreach, messaging and supporting resources among the relevant public and nonprofit entities.

III. Public Health. Clean Lakes Alliance supports funding the development of an effectively robust, targeted and unified monitoring and public-communication plan to ensure the safety of our public swimming beaches.

IV.A. & IV.B. Continued County investment in community strategic engagement & Expand the integration of equity and inclusion into natural resources management. With respect to an added budget request as conceptualized and presented for our consideration by Supervisor Erickson, Clean Lakes Alliance supports the interest in adding new dollars to a scholarship fund for the Yahara Watershed Academy, and for the purpose of youth participation stipends for the Lake Explorer Camp. These funds would be used to help make

both programs more accessible to underserved communities and demographics, including those characterized by higher minority and lower-income populations.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment, and for your continued service in the interest of cleaner lakes and healthier water quality throughout Dane County.

Sincerely,

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