

General Principle

The state shall foster equitable and inclusive opportunities for all state residents by supporting and funding proactive, evidence-based programs and policies that advance the elimination of racial and socio-economic disparities and recognize the unique role counties play in administering state programs by:

1. Fairly sharing responsibility with the counties in determining the scope, design, and cost of statewide programs;
2. Providing adequate and predictable shares of funding for state services delivered by the counties;
3. Helping counties reduce the need to rely on property taxes; and
4. Enhancing the ability of counties to more effectively manage county government.

In furthering these principles Dane County will assess policies via an analysis that asks:

- Who benefits?
- Who is burdened?
- Who does not have a voice at the table?
- How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Elections

- **Voter Registration Changes and Voter Identification Requirement:** Oppose legislation that changes same day voter registration, ~~alters-reduces~~ times for absentee ballot voting and requires photo identification to vote.
- **Support Wisconsin's Successful System of Election Day Voter Registration:** Support Election Day voter registration and urge Wisconsin Legislature to maintain the current system.
- **County Board Elections:** Change the state statutes requiring County Board members to be sworn in on the third Tuesday to allow the seating of temporary Board members until a recount is completed.
- **Public Funding for Elections:** Support public ~~funding~~/financing for local, ~~and~~ state elections.

Commented [WD99]: 1)Combine highlighted sections because both deal with Election Day registration. 2)Because Photo ID is current law, should this language be changed to either repeal the photo ID requirement or improve the law to allow for additional forms of ID and/or alternatives? Ex: "Support legislation to repeal the state's photo ID requirement." "Support legislation that makes it easier for eligible voters to register and vote."

Commented [WD100]: Please confirm – but I believe this is law so can be deleted. Supervisors were sworn in on 4/17/18-which was the third Tuesday of April.

Community, Workforce and Economic Development

- **Wisconsin's Fair Employment Act:** Oppose permitting an employer to refuse to employ, bar or terminate from employment an individual who has been convicted of a felony and who has not been pardoned for that felony, and pre-empting local government from adopting ordinances concerning employment discrimination based on arrest or conviction records that prohibit activity allowed under the state Fair Employment Act.
- **Minimum Wage:** ~~Enacted 11/4/14 Referendum Ballot question, "Should the State of Wisconsin increase the minimum wage to \$10.10 per hour?" Dane County voters approved this item by 73.6% yes votes and 26.4% no votes.~~Support increasing the minimum wage.
- **UW Cooperative Extension's Relationship with Dane County Extension Department and Wisconsin Idea Partnership:** Support Wisconsin Idea Partnership to address funding reductions to UW System through the budget bill and the impacts that the Badger Partnership will create for UW Extension and its partnerships with county extension agencies, including the Dane County Extension Department. ~~Support adequate staffing and funding levels to sustain Dane County Extension's high-quality educational programs for farmers, businesses, communities, families and young people.~~
- **Collective Bargaining and Workers Rights:** Support all workers having the right to seek safe working conditions, benefits and fair pay through collective bargaining and oppose legislation that weakens it.
- **UW Hospital & Clinics (UWHC):** Support restoring the rights of workers at UWHC.
- **Student Debt:** Support legislation to lower student debt by any means possible, including refinancing loans, implementing tax breaks for those paying back the loans, reducing interest rates and ensuring tuition is affordable.
- **School Choice Expansion:** Oppose ~~any legislation/action to~~ expanding the voucher program or a similar facsimile in the Madison Metropolitan School District or in any Dane County school system.
- **Rural Broadband Coverage:** ~~Urge the State of Wisconsin to~~Support increaseing financial support /seek federal funding to expand broadband services to underserved rural areas.

Commented [WD101]: Suggest changing this to general support of increasing the minimum wage given the movement toward supporting \$15 minimum wage. Also allows for various versions that might be indexed for inflation.

Commented [WD102]: Badger Partnership and Idea Partnership were part of the 2011 UW Budget requests. They are no longer relevant. Suggested updated language to respond to future needs.

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Commented [WD104]: Suggest removing because covered by collective bargaining section above.

Arts

- **Arts Funding:** Support increased funding for the arts across Wisconsin, ~~especially for art projects in communities, schools, colleges, and public facilities.~~
- **Wisconsin Arts Agency:** ~~The state shall fully fund and create a free standing Wisconsin Arts Agency to enhance the lives of youth, older adults and all Wisconsin citizens by funding art projects in Communities, Schools, Colleges and Public Works/Building construction across the state.~~

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Commented [WD106]: Suggest removing this language because the Wisconsin Arts Board is administratively housed within the Dept. of Tourism, but is its own agency. While there was some controversy at the time it was moved, the partnership has worked well to advance the understanding that the arts helps community and economic development, which helps garner additional funding and other support.