

3 **General Principle**

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

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

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17 In furthering these principles Dane County will assess policies via an analysis that asks:
18 Who benefits?
19 Who is burdened?
20 Who does not have a voice at the table?
21 How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?
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23 **Surface and Ground Water Quality**

- 24 • **Water Quality:** Maintain level of DNR funds for water quality planning and watershed
25 projects. Support increased DNR financial assistance as an incentive to reduce non-
26 point source pollution. Seek a fair share of state funding for inland waterways and lakes.
27 Target state funds to where there is a high likelihood of project success, where recipient
28 units of government have a proven track record of meeting state and local water
29 resource goals. Support legislation to provide additional funding and staffing for local
30 water quality protection, improvement and unfunded mandates.

- 31 • **Soil Erosion:** Support full implementation and funding of the state's water quality and
established runoff pollution performance standards for agriculture, non-agriculture, and
transportation facilities standards. DNR and/or legislative streamlining of NR297 process to
deal

32 more quickly with cropland soil erosion that threatens water resources. Control soil
33 erosion to acceptable limits, e.g., tolerable soil loss levels, for the production of food and
34 fiber. Support DATCP Soil and Water Resource Management programs implementation,
35 e.g., NR243 cost sharing and Land and Water Resource Management Plan
31 implementation and cost sharing.

- **Stormwater Utility:** Amend the WI Stats. to allow counties to create and manage a
stormwater utility.

• **Support Local Control of Erosion and Storm Water Management Standards:**
Oppose standardizing regulation of construction site erosion, storm water management and
prohibiting local governments from enacting local ordinances that are stricter than statewide
standards.

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3733 • **Comprehensive Approach to Control Lake Levels:** Request the DNR to adopt a
3834 comprehensive approach to managing the levels of the lakes through collaboration
3935 with affected parties, including dam operators, municipalities and regulatory agencies
4036 toward improving natural hydrologic conditions and habitat. To address recent flooding,
support efforts to manage the Yahara Chain of Lakes, improve the volume of water
leaving the Yahara River system, reduce stormwater runoff volumes through increased
stormwater infiltration and better management of stormwater on impervious surfaces.

- 4137 • **Keep Asian Carp Out of Wisconsin Waterways:** Call on the WI Department of Natural

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4238 _____ Resources and the federal government to increase their efforts to stop the destructive
4339 _____ advance of the Asian carp through Wisconsin.
4440 _____ • **Mining Reform:** Monitor mining reform legislation, ~~oppose provisions that usurp support~~
~~provisions that restore~~ local
4541 _____ government role and suspend floodplain rules that would nullify flood insurance and
4642 _____ federal disaster assistance.
4743 _____ • **Water Management:** Support local governmental efforts to improve water management
4844 _____ through water conservation, a balanced water budget and enhanced groundwater
4945 _____ recharge.

- 5046 • **High Capacity Wells:** ~~Oppose limiting, relaxing or thwarting the regulation~~ Support science-based regulation of high-
- 5147 capacity wells that considers the individual and cumulative effects of high-capacity irrigation wells on nearby waterbodies.
- 5248 • **Lead Pollution:** Support statewide/Utility User funding to help local governments
- 5349 mitigate lead contamination in drinking water.
- 5450 • **Public Trust Doctrine:** Oppose legislation that erodes the Public Trust Doctrine and
- 5551 DNR's ability to regulate navigable waters and wetlands.

57 **Natural Resources Conservation**

- 58 • **Stewardship Fund:** ~~Support annually adjusting the State Stewardship Fund for inflation~~
- 5958 to maintain at least 1990 funding levels. ~~Support ongoing appropriations for the state Stewardship Fund that are strong and annually adjusted for inflation.~~ Eliminate Stewardship Fund requirements for
- 6059 hunting and trapping.
- 6160 • **State Urban Forestry Grants:** Allow towns, counties, and non-profits to access both the
- 6261 federal and state funds in the Urban Forestry Grant Program.
- 6362 • **Payments in Lieu of Taxes:** Authorize counties to make payments in lieu of taxes
- 6463 to other local units of government when the county takes land off the tax rolls for
- 6564 conservation purposes.
- 66 • **Mercury Products Ban:** ~~The State should ban the sale of mercury-containing products,~~
- 67 ~~with the exception of dental fillings and fluorescent lamps. If the ban is implemented on a~~
- 68 ~~phased-in basis, retailers should be required to take back for recycling those mercury-~~
- 69 ~~containing products that they are selling until the ban for each product takes effect.~~
- 70 • **Mercury Rules:** ~~Support changes to the mercury rules to achieve a 90% reduction per~~
- 7165 ~~DNR rule.~~
- 7266 • **DNR Budget Reductions Staffing:** ~~Oppose reductions in~~ Support DNR staffing levels that
- 7367 affect benefit Dane County
- 7468 water programs, including regulatory programs, lake/fishery, runoff specialists,
- 75 conservation wardens, land conservation and parks programs.
- 75 • **Reduce Fine Particle Emissions:** ~~Target fine particle pollution non-attainment areas by~~
- 76 ~~providing increased funding and new incentives for fine particle emission reduction~~
- 77 ~~programs, including programs that reduce emissions from transportation sources and~~
- 78 ~~point sources through the increased use of alternative fuels, renewable energy~~
- 79 ~~sources, and energy efficiency improvements.~~
- 80 • **Diesel Idling Regulations:** ~~Support statewide implementation of diesel idling~~
- 81 ~~regulations for trucks, buses and other diesel engines.~~

83 **Sustainable Agricultural Practices**

- 84 • **Revise Formula for DATCP Administrative Funding to Counties:** ~~Support a revision~~
- 85 ~~in the formula the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection~~
- 86 ~~(DATCP) uses to distribute administrative funding to counties for administration of the~~
- 87 ~~Farmland Preservation Program, Nutrient Management Program and the implementation~~
- 88 ~~of performance standards. Use criteria for distribution that include number of farms,~~
- 89 ~~acres of cropland, number of livestock and amount of resource waters in a county.~~
- 90 • **State Commercial Building Code:** Support the exemption from the state Commercial
- 91 Building Code of farm buildings used for agricultural purposes or horseboarding/stabling
- 92 facilities.
- 93 • **Restore Funding for Soil & Water Resource Management Program:** Support
- 94 increased county conservation staff funding for implementation of the county's land
- 95 and water resource management plan. Increase available cost share funding to
- 96 support agricultural producers with implementation of conservation practices to grow
- 97 the state's agricultural economy as well as protect soil and water resources. Return
- 98 \$9.3 million to state aid for county conservation employees who assist WI farmers and
- 99 help grow the state's agriculture industry.

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- **Foreign Interests in Farmland:** Oppose legislation that removes limits on foreign ownership of Wisconsin agricultural land.
- **Non-Therapeutic Use of Antibiotics in Livestock:** Support ~~national~~ statewide ban on non-therapeutic use of antibiotics in livestock production/agriculture.

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Climate Change: Mitigation, Adaptation & Resilience

- **Alternative Renewable Energy Production:** Support legislation and statewide funding in the form of grants and incentives leading to encourage the increased use and viability of waste-to-energy and of renewable energy sources such as wind, solar, and biomass.
- **Green Jobs Economic Development:** Support statewide funding in the form of grants or incentives, for counties to develop, create and attract green job opportunities with green companies or industries.
- **Renewable Energy:** ~~Oppose~~ Support legislation that ~~restricts or prevents~~ encourages waste-to-energy and renewable energy sources as viable energy sources for utilities and consumers.
- **Clean Energy Choice:** Support legislation to increase affordability/sustainability of renewable energy in Wisconsin.
- **Divestment from Fossil Fuels:** Support zero investments in fossil fuel companies ~~for Dane County,~~ all local governments and state institutions.
- **Balanced & Fair Partnership Between Digesters, Gas Recovery Programs & Utility Companies:** Create a statewide reimbursement competitive grant program to enhance and fund bioenergy projects.
- **Climate Change:** Support legislative efforts to address climate change. Enhance county authority and funding for county-level action planning, mitigation, adaptation, and resilience around the impacts of climate change, including climate change influenced by human activity.
- **Energy Efficiency:** Work to defend the statewide Focus on Energy Program and actively support efforts to increase the funding and customer access to that program. Support efforts to return local control to local units of government for energy related decision making such as establishing commercial building codes. Restore school districts' energy efficiency exemption to the revenue limit.
- **Reduce Fine Particle Pollution:** Target fine particle pollution non-attainment areas by providing increased funding and new incentives for fine particle emission reduction programs, including programs that reduce emissions from transportation sources and point sources through the increased use of alternative fuels, renewable energy sources, and energy efficiency improvements.
- **Diesel Idling Regulations:** Support statewide implementation of diesel idling regulations for trucks, buses, and other diesel engines.
- **Power Plants:** Support efforts to clean up dirty power plants.

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Access to High Quality Health Care

- **Dental Access:** Support policies and/or legislation that would ensure access to dental care for all residents including those on Medical Assistance.
- **Medicaid Expansion:** Support implementation of the Medicaid expansion under the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA). ~~Allow Wisconsin to use the Medicaid option to close the gap in BadgerCare for childless adults. If WI closes the gap, full federal funding will be available for three years 2014-2016, followed by gradual reductions to 90% by 2020. ACA creates other innovative benefits and programs that states and counties will help to implement.~~ Accept available federal funds for BadgerCare to ensure that thousands of Wisconsin citizens have access to quality and affordable health coverage.
- **Key Funding Streams:** Support Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increases in key funding areas from the state including Youth Aids, ~~Community Aids, COP and CHIP.~~ Basic Community Aids, Children and Families Allocation, Aging and Disability Resource Centers, Income Maintenance, Children's Community Options Program, and Children's Long Term Support Program.

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Economic Assistance

- **Income Maintenance Programs:** Support funding levels and legislation that provide sufficient resources to administer non-cash benefit programs such as Food Stamps, Medical Assistance, Child Care and issue benefits to all eligible people. Oppose changes to the eligibility/enrollment process and services funded under Medicaid and Income Maintenance.
- **W-2 Funding:** Support funding to pay all W-2 cash benefits and administrative expenses.
- **Childcare:** Support sufficient funding for childcare. Expand eligibility to include childcare support for low-income individuals pursuing higher education leading to employment.
- **Property Tax Exemptions Low Income Housing:** Clarify 70.11 Wis. Stats. to define "maintenance" as "repair and maintenance of property, capital replacements, insurance premiums, project management, debt retirement, project-related reserves, general administrative expenses, resident services, utilities, financing costs, preservation expenses and similar project-related expenses."
- **Centralization of Economic Support Programs:** Oppose initiatives to remove income maintenance administration from counties and create a centralized income maintenance unit.

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- **Medicaid Funding:** Support enabling counties to accept/administer Medicaid funding at the county level.
 - **Drug Testing:** Oppose legislation that would enact drug testing as a requirement for public benefits. Also oppose drug testing of youth in our public schools.

157 **Services for Older Adults, the Developmentally/Physically Disabled and Mentally Ill**

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- **Birth to Three:** Support additional financial support from the state for this program. Support a modification of State Statutes to require health insurers to make third party payments to defray the cost of Birth to Three care for families that have private health insurance policies.
 - **Community Support Program (CSP):** Continue program. Have additional state funding to help reduce county costs and serve those whom can benefit from the program.
 - **RSVP Services:** Support increased funding for the RSVP Program
 - **Seniorcare and BadgerCare:** Maintain Seniorcare and BadgerCare continuing programs.
 - **Handicap Access:** Support "visit ability" legislation to allow handicap access devices in new homes or eliminate barriers in older homes.
 - **Long Term Care Reform:** Plans developed by the state in the area of long term care need to protect quality and availability of services to consumers and maintain control by the county of programs or relieve the county of financial aid and/or legal obligations for the programs and participants if the county is not involved with these programs in the future. The required county contribution towards LTC should be equitably negotiated. Support ~~adequate funding for the start-up and~~ ongoing funding of ADRCs. Amend Chapter 55 to delineate state and county responsibilities.
 - ~~**Equitable Funding for Long Term Care:** Extend higher federal MA reimbursement rates under the federal stimulus package to current county-administered long term care MA waiver programs where county revenues comprise the non-federal match. Support freezing further county participation in Family Care until the State can fully fund county program start-up costs and find more equitable ways of funding Family Care without penalizing counties, such as Dane, for the substantial financial commitment and innovative approaches already taken to meet long term care needs of its residents."~~
 - **Employment Services for Older Adults:** Extend the use of state and county funds to encourage the business community and technical colleges to create and support retraining and placement of older adults entering/re-entering employment, especially those lacking English proficiency.
 - **Family Caregivers:** Provide financial support and tax credits to family caregivers.
 - **Dementia Patient Rights:** Oppose involuntary psychotropic drug administration in Chapters 51 and 55.
 - **Comprehensive Community Services (CCS):** Support continued full funding of the state match.
 - **InvestaCare (Long Term Care Investment Fund):** Support legislation to establish a long term care investment savings program for individuals 18 years and older to meet future long term care needs through financial contributions.
 - **Family Care/IRIS:** Oppose changes that weaken the Family Care, ~~IRIS, and, and- IRIS-Partnership~~ programs, ~~eliminate CIP/COP waivers, propose negative changes to the Family Support program/Medicaid Personal Care Services, and weaken~~ or privatize Aging & Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs). ~~Such changes will create dire consequences for people with developmental/physical disabilities, including children and their families and older adults in Dane County.~~
 - **Mental Health and Drug Addiction Treatment:** Urge the state of Wisconsin to require increased insurance coverage and MA reimbursement rates in addition to adequate and sustainable statewide funding for mental health services and drug addiction treatment programs.
 - **Winnebago Mental Health Transfers:** Urge DHS to rescind its requirement to transfer detained mental health patients to Winnebago Mental Health Institute instead of

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- **Non-Emergency Medical Transportation:** Currently Medical Transportation Management Inc. (MTM) is contracted by the state of Wisconsin to provide rides for Medicaid eligible individuals to gain access to medical appointments. Contract provisions are skewed to reward MTM for denying rides instead of providing rides. Ongoing complaints about the quality of service suggest little accountability or oversight creating greater problems for the "transportation disadvantaged." Support entities or other actions that will hold MTM accountable, improve oversight of the program, ensure quality, consistent services, resolve complaints and provide incentives for giving not denying rides.
- **Prevention Funding:** Support initiatives that provide additional funds for primary prevention and enforcement programs related to elder abuse and neglect.
- **IMD Exclusion:** Support the state in its pursuit to change the "IMD exclusion" that ultimately requires counties to fund institutional stays for patients covered by Medicaid.
- **Funding of Programs and Services:** Oppose decreases and support increases of quality programs and services affecting older adults in proportion to the population growth. Oppose funding allocation and distribution methods that disadvantage Dane County.
- **Educational and Licensure Requirements:** Oppose the reduction of educational and licensure requirements for health care professionals.

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217 **Services for Children, Youth, and Families**

- **Career Development for Youth:** Support funding to provide educational, work skill development, transportation and mentoring services for youth or young adults who are at risk of dropping out, have dropped out of high school or who are unemployed post high school and lack the knowledge and skills necessary to secure and maintain gainful employment.
- **Early Childhood Initiative:** Support legislation to continue funding for the Early Childhood Initiative programs.
- **Apprenticeship/Internships:** Provide incentives for the business community and technical college system to create and support apprenticeship/internship opportunities to young adults. Expedite entry and graduation from the programs to meet increasing demands to fill vacancies created by an aging workforce.
- **Prevention Funding:** Support initiatives that provide additional funds for primary prevention programs including delinquency, ~~and~~ child abuse/neglect ~~and elder/abuse-neglect.~~
- **Relative Caregivers:** Support legislation/policies that provide additional State support to relatives who take care of non-custodial children.
- **Kinship Care:** Support funding to meet needs of all that are eligible.
- **Wisconsin Medicaid Cost Reporting (WIMCR):** Eliminate WIMCR program or fully reimburse counties for the revenues they would have received under the Community Services Deficit Reduction Benefit (CSDRB) and Community Based Medicaid Administrative Claiming (CBMAC) programs which were impacted by the creation of WIMCR.
- **Family Child Care:** Support legislation to extend the state rules governing foster care background checks to family day care providers.
- **At-Risk Youth Report to School Board:** Develop a program for newly released at-risk students to interact with/give progress reports to school boards.
- **Law Enforcement Role in Child Abuse & Neglect:** Oppose legislation that usurps the authority of county Child Protective Services (CPS) by reporting all child ~~abuse-abuse~~ and neglect cases to law enforcement in lieu of CPS, increases penalties and changes the neglect definition to target low income and marginalized communities.
- **Child Support:** Request the Legislature designate additional state monies to the Wisconsin County Child Support Program ~~in order to continue to provide to maintain~~ the current high level of service.

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251 **Youth Justice**

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- **Juvenile Youth Justice:** Support continued funding for early intervention and intensive treatment programs. Support continued improvements to the youth justice and juvenile corrections systems and ensure Dane County is able to successfully operate a secured residential care center for children and youth.
 - **Youth Aids:** Support legislation to increase state funding for out-of-home care costs for juvenile-youth offenders now paid for by Dane County. Limit increases in state rates for out of

- 256 home placements for ~~juveniles youth~~ (including corrections, child caring institutions and
257 residential care facilities) to no more than the increase in Youth Aids.
258 • **17 Year Olds:** Remove 17 year olds from the adult correctional system and return them
259 to Juvenile Courts and Juvenile Corrections.
260 • **Countywide Youth Collaboration:** Create two pilot programs funded at \$100,000 to
261 foster countywide collaborative actions with School Districts, Law Enforcement Task
262 Forces (drug, gang....). County Human Services, Sheriff, District Attorney, Community
263 Youth Service Organizations and target services for all students, ~~including parole-~~
264 ~~activities.~~
265 • **Youth Programs:** Support continuation and expansions of programs focusing on
266 prevention of delinquency, alcohol and other drug use, child abuse and neglect and
267 domestic violence. Support increased funding and support for youth after school
268 programs, especially at the middle school level.
269 • **Youth Courts:** Support and fund Youth Courts in Wisconsin High Schools.
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271 • Group Homes: Support efforts to reassess the maximum daily rate that group homes
receive.

271 Public Health Services

- 272 • **Response to Local Public Health Emergencies:** Support legislation that recognizes
273 the critical role of local Public Health Departments in responding to public health
274 emergencies and provides adequate funding to respond to all threats to public health.
275 • **Public Health Prevention:** Support initiatives that maintain ~~the integrity and~~
276 ~~effectiveness effective of~~ public health prevention services, health promotion
277 efforts, health and racial equity, and conditions that lead to optimal health
278 outcomes.
279 • ~~Creutzfeldt Jakob Disease: Support the WI Department of Health and Family Services~~
280 ~~in its efforts to amend the administrative code to include Creutzfeldt Jakob disease as a~~
281 ~~reportable disease.~~
282 • **Medical Marijuana:** Support legislation allowing residents with debilitating medical
283 conditions to acquire and possess marijuana for medical purposes if supported by their
284 physician. ~~Dane County voters approved this item in 11/2/10 general election, 75.49%~~
285 ~~yes and 24.50% no.~~
286 • **Women's Health Care:** Repeal all state laws that prohibit women from having access to
287 safe and legal abortions, that don't protect women's health and don't ensure a woman's
288 dignity, equality and autonomy.
289 • **Support Wisconsin Well Woman Program:** The Wisconsin Well Women Program
290 pays for preventive health screening services (Mammograms, Pap Smears.....) for
291 women with little or no health insurance coverage. Support maintaining the program and
292 oppose any cuts or elimination.
293 • **Dangerous Animals and Vicious Dog Ordinance:** Amend state law to allow counties
294 to enact stricter ordinances to regulate dangerous animals and vicious dogs having
295 countywide applicability.
296 • **Reduce Holding Period for Unclaimed Animals from 7 to 3 Days:** Change state law
297 to reduce the unclaimed animal holding period from 7 to 3 days. This would shorten the
298 County/Humane Society holding contract and allow the Dane County Humane Society to
place an animal up for adoption much sooner.

299 Housing

- 300 • **Homeless Services:** Provide additional State funding for services to assist individuals,
301 unaccompanied youth and families who are homeless.
302 • **Manufactured Housing:** Support legislation to amend state statutes to require adequate
303 notice to residents when mobile home parks are closing, require storm cellars/secure
304 areas in manufactured housing communities, encourage WHEDA to provide
305 funding/financing for the purchase of housing on leased land, remove any barriers to
306 long term leases, allow the purchase of communities by residents and the development
307 of co-operative housing for manufactured housing communities.

- 308 • **Restrictions on Local Fair Housing Ordinances:** Oppose legislation that impinges on
309 the rights of tenants by allowing landlords to discriminate based on a tenant's income,
310 occupation, rental history, credit information, arrest/conviction history and Social Security
311 number.
- 312 • **Landlord Regulation:** Repeal 2011 WI Act 108, which prohibits local government
313 ordinances that place limits or requirements on landlords (Fair Housing Ordinance).
314 Repeal 2011 WI Act 143, which prohibits a local government from imposing a
315 moratorium on eviction actions and amends/creates new provisions that benefit landlords
316 including but not limited to allowing: landlord discretion in disposing/storing of
317 medical/personal items; landlords to withhold a tenant's security deposit or portion of
318 for damages, unpaid rent/utility bills; and severability of rental agreements. Repeal 2011-
319 2012 budget bill provision which deletes landlord foreclosure notice. Repeal 2013 WI Act
320 76 (Prohibit Local Landlord Ordinances).
- 321 • **Affordable Housing Trust Fund:** Support enabling legislation to allow Dane County to
322 create an Affordable Housing Trust Fund.
- 323 • **Tenants' Rights:** Oppose legislation that prohibits local governments from
324 enacting/enforcing ordinances that regulate landlord/tenant relations which enhance
325 fairness in landlord/tenant relations, foster responsible property ownership and protect
326 the safety & stability of neighborhoods.

329 Veterans Services

- 330 • **Armed Forces:** Support the Dane County soldiers who are presently serving. Support
331 protecting families and jobs rather than utilizing precious resources and funds to wage a
332 war.
- 333 • **VFW Halls:** Support a property tax exemption for chartered veterans' organizations.
- 334 • **Property Tax Credit:** ~~Eliminate the 65 year old age limit, d) Drop the disability rating from~~
335 ~~100% to 30% or greater, and allow 10 consecutive years of Wisconsin residency after~~
336 ~~separation (this expands eligibility to veteran applicants whose home of record was not~~
337 ~~Wisconsin).~~
- 338 • **Trust Fund:** Support an increase from state GPR to help stabilize the Trust Fund so
339 veterans will no longer pay for their own benefits and programs. The Trust Fund is
340 financed through veteran programs such as personal and home loans.
- 341 • **Wisconsin GI Bill:** Fully fund the Wisconsin GI Bill without any limitations on eligibility.
- 342 • **State Funding for the Veterans Trust Fund:** Support increased funding in the State
343 budget bill to insure solvency of the Veterans Trust Fund including but not limited to, the
344 exploration of permanent state funding for the WI Dept. of Veteran Affairs and the
345 veteran programs/benefits that the Department oversees.
- 346 • **Ending Veteran Homelessness:** Support ending veteran homelessness by maximizing
347 state and federal resources and streamlining local housing processes.
- 348 • **Mass Transit for Disabled Veterans:** Support fully funding bus passes and other
349 mass transit costs for all service-connected disabled veterans in all Wisconsin
350 locations and transit programs.
- 351 • **County Veterans Offices:** Oppose legislation that cuts/restructures CVSO funding,
352 reduces veteran services or weakens the offices by regionalization
- 353 • **Veterans Administration:** Support and recognize the significance of the William S.
354 Middleton Memorial Veterans Administration Hospital and area clinics in the lives of
355 veterans and in the Dane County community and opposes the privatization of services
356 that the Veterans Administration provides to millions of veterans nationally and
357 thousands of Dane County residents jeopardizing their care.

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County Personnel, Finance, and Governance

- **State Mandates:** ~~Oppose any legislation or rule that requires counties to provide a service or administer a program without adequate and ongoing funding. Support creation of a Joint Survey Committee on Local Mandates. Support legislation to allow waivers from state mandates. Support requiring t~~he state ~~shall to~~ perform a biennial review of all mandated programs to determine continued need for the programs and annually review all mandated programs funded at 50% or less.
- **Fees/Licenses:** ~~Support~~ state-set fees collected by counties ~~should to~~ fairly cover administrative costs.
- **Libraries:** Enforce compliance with WI Stats. 43.24(6) which require state funding for public library systems at 13% of local library expenditures.
- **Association Memberships:** ~~Amend WI State. 59.07(27) to require~~Support requiring a simple majority vote of the county board of supervisors to purchase membership in an association of county boards.
- **Room Tax:** Amend the room tax statutes to include counties.
- **Alliant Energy Center District:** ~~Provide Support state funding for capital projects on the Alliant Energy Center campus and support authorizing the creation of a taxing authority, known as the Alliant Energy Center District, to be used to repay bonds for the construction, maintenance, and operations of campus facilities. enabling legislation or a grandfather clause within the Wisconsin Center District and Bradley Center agreement to extend the same~~

~~authority to the Alliant Energy Center.~~

- ~~**TABOR/Property Tax Freeze:** Urge state to pay for required programs to reduce property tax growth, not pass more constitutional amendments. Oppose any efforts to limit or prohibit local governments from increasing their expenditures or revenues.~~
- ~~**Offshore Contracting/Buy Local:** Provide and maintain state funding to create incentives for businesses and all levels of government to buy local produce and products. Oppose the practice of contracting S~~state of Wisconsin government functions or services to ~~overseas out-of-state~~ companies/operations.
- **Reverse Marriage Ban:** Support a constitutional amendment to delete the marriage ban amendment adopted in the Fall 2006 General Election.
- ~~**Domestic Partnership Benefits:** Continue to allow~~Support restoring local governments' ~~ability~~ to provide domestic partner benefits. _
- ~~**State Contracts:** Require the State-state to award contracts to vendors that extend spousal benefits to include employees in domestic partner relationships.~~
- **Grant Program Continuity:** Require that when the state awards contracts or otherwise funds a project, the state should require sustainability as one criterion in the decision making or contract selection process.

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- 392 • **Restore Impact Fee Authority:** Restore counties to the governmental entities that are
393 authorized to levy impact fees.
- 394 • ~~Online Retailers Sales Tax: Support legislation requiring online retailers with Wisconsin~~
395 ~~ties to collect and remit WI State and local sales tax.~~
- 396 • **Fair and Equitable Taxation:** Support fair and equitable taxation without harming
county revenue.
- **Local Government Control:** Oppose any legislation that limits or deletes local
government control including opposition to levy limits and support for county home rule
authority.
- **Highway Workers Safety:** Earmark a portion of every state construction/maintenance
contract to fund increased local law enforcement in construction/maintenance zones. Support innovative approaches to improve work zone safety.
- **Prevailing Wage:** ~~Oppose legislation that eliminates~~Restore the prevailing wage
requirement for public works and other projects. The prevailing wage guarantees fair
bids, quality work and middle-class wages for skilled workers in Dane County.
- **Fair Motorboat Gas Tax Allocation:** Support legislation to fairly allocate motorboat fuel
tax through a more equitable distribution formula.
- 397 • ~~Legislative Mandates: Oppose any state or federal legislation or rules/regulations~~
398 ~~promulgated by federal or state agencies that would require counties to provide a~~
399 ~~service or administer any program without adequate and on-going funding; support~~
400 ~~creation of a Joint Survey Committee on Local Mandates. Support legislation to allow~~
401 ~~waivers from state mandates.~~
- 402 • **Comprehensive School Funding Reform:** Support changes in the school aid formula
403 to align revenues with educational costs. Distribute resources in accordance with the
404 diverse needs of students and districts to ensure every student receives a quality
405 education. Support moving school funding away from reliance on property taxes.
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- ~~**Support Wisconsin Workers' Rights to Organize and Collectively Bargain:** Dane County is committed to a fair and respectful bargaining process and in bargaining in good faith with our employees, even if state statutes no longer require collective bargaining between Dane County and its employees. Oppose attacks on workers' rights.~~
- ~~**Population Change:** Dane is nearing the 500,000 population mark. Support legislation~~
- ~~to address issues within the state statutes that pertain to counties with a population of 500,000 or more (Milwaukee County) by changing the population figure to 750,000 or more throughout the state statutes. There are 160 provisions in state law that apply to counties that size. One of the most problematic provisions, the state takeover of Dane County child welfare services, would cost county taxpayers \$58.8 million.~~
- **Changes to Wisconsin Redistricting Statutes:** Oppose changes to the redistricting process that allow the Wisconsin Legislature to develop a map of Congressional, Senatorial and Assembly districts prior to local government input regarding ward boundaries.
- ~~**Collective Bargaining Rights:** Support workers having the right to seek safe working conditions, benefits and fair pay through collective bargaining and oppose legislation that weakens it.~~
- **Oppose State-Imposed County Board Restructuring:** Oppose legislation that impedes a County Board from governing, budgeting and hiring staff.
- **Collective Bargaining:** Support legislation allowing local government the option to engage in collective bargaining with public sector employees. Dane County is committed to a fair and respectful bargaining process and to bargaining in good faith with our employees, even if state statutes no longer require collective bargaining between Dane County and its employees. Oppose attacks on workers' rights.
- **Balance of Power:** Oppose efforts to alter the authority and/or responsibilities among county boards, county executives or administrators, and constitutional officers and upset the balance of power in county government across Wisconsin.
- **Dark Store Loophole:** Oppose the Dark Store Loophole by clarifying that leases are appropriately factored into the valuation of leased properties and that when using the comparable sale method of valuation, assessors shall consider as comparable only those sales within the same market segment exhibiting a similar highest and best use rather than similarly sized but vacant properties in abandoned locations.
- ~~**Nonpartisan Redistricting:** Support legislation to require a nonpartisan system for redistricting legislative and congressional districts in the state. Dane County voters approved by 82.1% yes votes and 17.9% no votes.~~
- **Nonpartisan Redistricting:** Dane County Board of Supervisors supports the creation of an independent non-partisan process for the preparation of legislative and congressional district lines.
- **Project Labor Agreements:** Support the restoration of local governments' ability to enter into Project Labor Agreements.-

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Public Safety and Emergency Management

- **EMS Services:** Support legislation that encourages financial support of volunteers in emergency medical services and that addresses liability issues and professional standards. Support state reimbursement for radio frequency and upgrade requirements.
- **Communications Surcharge for 911 Systems:** Support legislation to redirect ~~electronic communications some of the Police and Fire Protection Fee~~ surcharge to County-911 Centers.
- ~~Next Generation 911:~~ Include \$7 million annually in the 2017-19 state biennial budget to begin the transition to Next Generation 911 in Wisconsin.
- ~~Recording Fees:~~ Support legislation that allows counties to recoup the cost of locating/recording 911 records for individuals when the costs of searching/recording those records exceed \$25. Current statutes prohibit counties from recouping the cost when the cost exceeds \$50.
- **First Responder Training:** Require training for first responders (police officers, paramedics...) on appropriate procedures for identifying, assisting and interacting with older adults as well as other adults who may have complications from abuse, dementia, mental health or other disorders.
- ~~Emergency Communications Interoperability:~~ Enact local and state communication networks for disaster events and fund through State grants.

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- 467 • **Open Records Law:** Support updating the open records law to cover all county costs for
468 new and emerging labor-intensive records requests and associated costs including
469 redaction.
- 470 • **Criminal Background Check:** Support additional funds to the Department of Justice to
471 enable the conducting of uniform criminal background checks of to-be-hired direct care
472 workers by public and non-profit agencies.
- 473 • **Multi-line Telephone System (MLTS) calls to 911:** Support legislation requiring
474 owner/operators of these systems to deliver to Wisconsin 9-1-1 Centers precise location
475 information instead of merely the "headquarters office" location and call-back numbers
476 now delivered when callers from their system dial 9-1-1 seeking aid.
- 477 • **Support Gun Control:** Ban habitual criminals from obtaining concealed carry permits,
478 make the purchase of a firearm for someone who is prohibited from possessing a firearm
479 a felony, make the possession of a concealed firearm by those prohibited under
480 Wisconsin law a felony and require that private gun sales be subject to criminal
481 background checks performed by a federally licensed gun dealer.
- 482 • **Concealed and Carry Weapons:** ~~Provide an exclusion for the facilities and grounds of~~
483 ~~the Alliant Energy Center. Modify the concealed carry law to prohibit concealed~~
484 ~~weapons from being carried. Weapons may not be carried onto the grounds, parking~~
485 ~~lots or areas associated with convention, entertainment and sporting facilities, nor~~
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487 ~~conventions, consumer shows, entertainment, sporting or educational events, including~~
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491 ~~events.;~~ ~~oppose weapons in~~ institutions of higher learning, public schools, child
492 care facilities, community centers, ~~and~~ health care facilities, ~~and public mass~~
493 ~~transportation. Support setting concealed carry license fees at an amount sufficient ;-~~
494 ~~and amend conceal and carry legislation to increase all fee amounts to provide fund~~
495 ~~all County Sheriffs' costs with sufficient funds to associated with administering the~~
496 ~~conceal and carry law.~~

493 Criminal Justice and Corrections

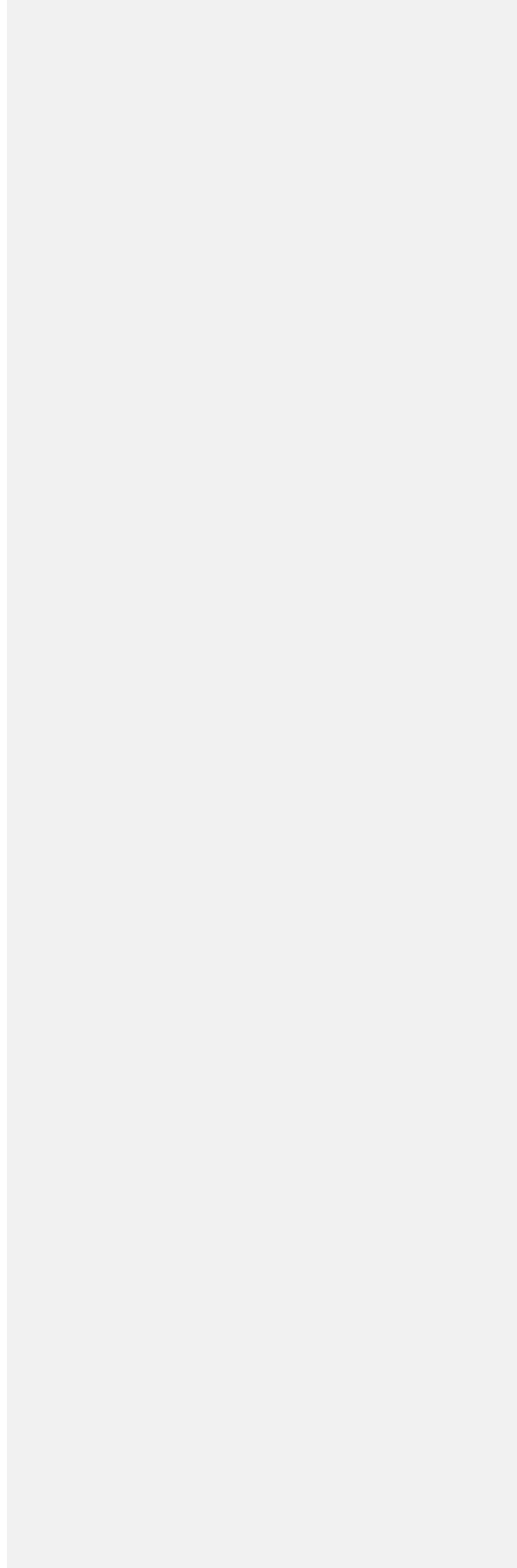
- 494 • **State Audit Probation & Parole Program:** ~~Request the Legislative Audit Bureau to~~
495 ~~analyze Wisconsin's probation and parole program for effectiveness and efficiencies; to~~
496 ~~identify improvements in procedures to streamline the revocation process in order to~~
497 ~~reduce days in jail; and compare the Wisconsin program to other states. Support~~
498 ~~reforming the probation and parole program to streamline the revocation process in~~
499 ~~order to reduce days in jail.~~
- 500 • **Prisoner Re-Entry:** Adequately fund prisoner community re-entry programs to increase
501 success and effectiveness.
- 502 • **Close Public Defender Eligibility Gap:** Support changing Public Defender eligibility
503 levels to the same level as eligibility for appointed counsel to eliminate the gap that
504 currently requires the court to appoint counsel at county expense. Increase state
505 funding to cover counties' costs for court-appointed attorneys. Increase public
506 defender pay to at least \$70 per an hour.
- 507 • **Minority Outreach:** Support state-sponsored outreach to communities about available
508 support services.
- 509 • ~~County Jail:~~ Support full state funding for probation ~~and~~ parole holds; ~~continued support~~
510 ~~for~~
- 511 • ~~the Treatment Alternative Program (TAP);~~ more funding for incarceration alternatives; ~~and~~
512 ~~and~~ support Justice Impact Statements.
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- 514 • **Treatment Alternatives and Diversion:** Support enhancements to public safety and
515 reduce unnecessary Corrections related expenditures by (a) Increasing funding for the
516 Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) Grant Program by \$15 million annually; (b)
517 Changing the TAD statute so that people who were once convicted of a violent crime
518 can be eligible if the new crime is non-violent in nature; (c) Changing the statute so that
519 people with a mental health issue (and not a co-occurring addiction issue) can be
520 eligible; and (d) Focusing the growth in TAD in these three main areas: (1) Expansion of
OWI Courts, SSTOP, and other programs that address drunk driving; (2) Expansion of

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em, as well as the lingering issues of methamphetamine, crack and other drugs; and (3) Expansion of funding for treatment alternatives that are targeted to the communities that have the state's highest incarceration rates.

- **Court Interpreters:** Support appointing court interpreters to all cases regardless of



- 521 indigency and support an increase in state funding for reimbursement to counties for
 522 interpreter services.
- 523 • **Wisconsin Community Justice Reinvestment Act:** Support creation of WCJRA to
 524 provide sentencing judges with more effective treatment options while reducing the
 525 prison population and sharing the savings with counties to fund local criminal
 526 justice/treatment programs.
 - 527 • **Racial Disparity Subcommittee:** Support creation of a state Criminal Justice
 528 Coordinating Council subcommittee on racial disparities within the criminal justice
 529 system.
 - 530 • **State Court System:** Increase state funding of the circuit court system, including court
 531 security.
 - 532 • **Victim-Witness Program:** Support full state funding of program costs.
 - 533 • **Clerk of Court Fees:** Pursue statutory changes to increase the county share of
 534 fines/forfeitures.
 - 535 • **License Fee:** Support \$12 for driver's license suspension if the fee is payable by the
 536 defendant.
 - 537 • **Domestic Violence:** Support state funding for domestic violence prevention,
 538 intervention and prosecution, including funding for three ADA positions dedicated to
 539 domestic violence, and shelter services.
 - 540 • **Fee Increase for Jury Trial:** Support legislation to increase the fee for a jury trial from
 541 \$6 to \$15. The funding is needed to offset increases in juror compensation.
 - 542 • **Prisoner Hospitalization:** Oppose any legislation that would reverse/overturn the WI
 543 Supreme Court ruling on the Meriter case. Update the statutory language regarding
 544 prisoner hospitalization.
 - 545 • ~~Industrial Hemp: Support legalizing the production of industrial hemp.~~
 - 546 • **District Attorney Funding:** Support increased state funding for more Deputy District
 547 Attorney and Assistant District Attorney positions to meet growing caseloads.
 - 548 • **Mental Health Screenings:** Support and fund mental health screening and treatment for
 549 inmates in county juvenile detention, shelter homes and county jails.
 - 550 • **Legalize Marijuana:** Support legislation legalizing marijuana. Dane County voters
 551 approved by ~~64.5%~~76% yes votes and ~~35.5%~~24% no votes.
 - 552 • **Interstate Traffic Tickets:** Amend State Statutes allowing Wisconsin to join the
 553 Interstate Compact on Traffic Forfeitures to facilitate collection of out of state traffic
 554 violators and capture a needed revenue source for the state and county.
- 555 • **Boating Laws:** Authorize the state to license, regulate, and require education/training
for operation of motorized watercraft Support legislation making fines and associated
 556 penalties for drunken boating commensurate with those for drunken driving.
- 557 • ~~Boater Registration Act: Authorize the state to license, regulate, and require~~
 558 ~~education/training for operation of motorized watercraft.~~
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- 560 • Bail and Conditions of Pretrial Release: Support legislation that reforms bail and
 561 conditions of pretrial release that respects the constitutional rights of the accused,
 562 enhances public safety, and incorporates evidence-based strategies.
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Immigrants and Refugees

- Sanctuary Cities/Counties: Oppose legislation that requires county workers/law enforcement to review immigration status any time an individual comes in contact with government workers. Oppose banning specified immigrants from living in communities. Urge Wisconsin to seek grants for Syrian refugee resettlement.
- Drivers' Licenses: Support legislation that allows undocumented immigrants to obtain drivers' licenses.
- **In-State Tuition for Immigrants:** Support restoring the law for in-state tuition for state residents who graduated from a Wisconsin High School, but lack proper immigration documentation.

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Bicycle and Recreational Trails

- ~~Bicycle Trail Funding: Work with Legislators and State Agencies to obtain transportation aids for bicycle trails with significant commuter traffic. Support allowing bike path maintenance costs to be eligible for transportation aids. Support the creation and development of a statewide Bike Trail Task Force. Integrate bicycle transportation~~

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into future commuter transportation systems

- **Transportation Aids:** Support the use of transportation aids for the construction and maintenance of bicycle trails with significant commuter traffic.
- **Bike Trail Task Force:** Support the creation and development of a statewide Bike Trail Task Force.
- **Commuter Transportation:** Support integrating bicycle transportation into future commuter transportation systems.
- **Trail System Development:** Request DNR assistance in the development of regional trail systems.
- **Eminent Domain:** Repeal Wis. Stat. 32.015, which prohibits local governments from using eminent domain for constructing bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.
- **Regional Trail System:** Request DNR assistance in development of regional trail systems.

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Environmental Health

- **Reduce Fine Particle Emissions:** Target fine particle pollution non-attainment areas by providing increased funding and new incentives for fine particle emission reduction programs including programs that reduce emissions from transportation sources and point sources through the increased use of alternative fuels, renewable energy sources, and energy efficiency improvements.
- **Diesel Idling Regulations:** Support statewide implementation of diesel idling regulations for trucks, buses and other diesel engines.
- **Mercury Rules:** Support changes to the mercury rules to achieve a 90% reduction per DNR rule.
- **Perflourinated Compounds:** Support adopting a state-directed threshold standard of PFAS, PFOA and PFOS and the state exploring and identifying contamination and remediation options, including the associated costs and benefits.
- **Lead Pollution:** Support statewide/Utility User funding to help local governments mitigate lead contamination in drinking water. Support building statewide awareness and educational efforts related to the use of lead shot and tackle for hunting and fishing.

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Mass Transit

- Regional Transit Authority: Support legislation allowing local governments to create Regional Transit Authorities to provide regional transit services across local government boundaries.
- Regional Transit Authority: Support authorizing legislation for a Regional Transit Authority (RTA) that is flexible enough to adapt to local needs and has these basic parameters: A representative RTA could be formed by one or more municipal governing bodies passing resolutions in support. A referendum would need to be adopted by a majority of voters in each municipality forming, or seeking to join the RTA. The amount of the sales tax would need to be authorized in the referendum, but could not exceed 0.5%. The governing board would be composed of elected officials, representative of the communities within the RTA area.
- Update Wisconsin 2030 State Rail Plan: Support state and federal funding for a high speed passenger rail line connecting Madison with the Twin Cities, Milwaukee, and Chicago.
- Airport Authority: Oppose legislation that takes airport governance away from county government and gives it to a private/public airport authority.

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- ~~Regional Transit Authority (RTA): Restore statutory language to allow creation of a Regional Transit Authority/Authorities covering at a minimum the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Area, and support statutory language to allow up to a half cent sales tax which would go to citizens for a binding referendum, be contingent on receiving federal transit funds and RTA governance/operating structure would be determined after consultation with community partners participating in the RTA. Support that sales tax funds are used for commuter rail, bus transit, emergency/disabled transportation, local road and county highway projects.~~
- ~~Regional Transit Authority (RTA): Support authorizing legislation for an RTA that is flexible enough to adapt to local needs and has these basic parameters: A representative RTA could be formed by one or more municipal governing bodies passing resolutions in support. A referendum would need to be adopted by a majority of voters in each municipality forming, or seeking to join the RTA. The amount of the sales tax would need to be authorized in the referendum, but could not exceed 0.5%. The governing board would be composed of elected officials, representative of the communities within the RTA area.~~
- ~~Update Wisconsin 2030 State Rail Plan: Support funding and planning for intercity rail serving Dane County and Madison and urge WIDOT to work with Minnesota DOT on Milwaukee Twin Cities High Speed Rail Study.~~
- ~~Airport Authority: Oppose legislation that takes airport governance away from county government and gives it to a private/public airport authority.~~

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Local Road Funding and Projects

- **Local Transportation:** Support a greater share of state and federal transportation funding going toward local transportation needs and services. Funding should be increased for General Transportation Aids, State Highway Maintenance, the County Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) and Specialized Transportation for older adults and persons with disabilities.
- Require "farmland mitigation" for highway improvement projects.
- ~~In addition, F~~unding formulas that discriminate against urban counties should be revised and the local match (now 50%) for CHIPS should be decreased.
- ~~Support state federal funding for Amtrak service to Milwaukee and Madison. Support continued state funding for further planning and implementation of a commuter rail system and regional bus links to outlying communities in Dane County. Also, support increased funding for Transport 2020 and rail rehabilitation and purchases. Support state/federal funding for the Midwest Regional Rail Initiative.~~
- **North Mendota Parkway:** Oppose the construction of four lanes on Main Street (HWY 19) in Waunakee. Support an update of the 2003 North Mendota Parkway traffic study, and request WIDOT to consider how the proposed North Mendota Parkway, Hwy 19, CTH K, CTH M and Hwy 13 relate to each other and Hwy 12. Support an implementation review of the "North E-Way". Support state and federal funding for the North Mendota Parkway. Oppose and expansion to four lanes on main Street (State Highway 19) in downtown Waunakee.
- **Verona Road Project:** Support mitigation measures to lessen the impact of the Verona Road construction project on surrounding neighborhoods and local businesses. Those measures include noise barriers, monitoring air quality, preservation of commercial areas, minimizing impacts on established neighborhoods, storm water management (steer away from Dunn's Marsh), and develop bike lanes, pedestrian/bicycle bridges and sidewalks on frontage and neighborhood roads.
- **Highway Funding:** Require WIDOT to provide more funding up front through operational reimbursement and incentivizing improvements.

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623 **Waste and Renewables**

- 624 • **Recycling:** Support long-term state funding for state's recycling program.
- 625 • Support continued state efforts to expand markets for recycled materials.
- 626 • ~~Amend statutes to allow~~Support allowing local governments or other entities to
627 receive more than one state grant for innovative demonstration projects.
- 628 • **Landfill Siting:** Allow municipalities to replace existing public landfills without a new
629 DNR needs determination.
- 630 • ~~Amend statutes to modify~~Support modifying landfill negotiation-mediation process
631 to include counties as an appropriate governing body for the approval of
632 negotiated agreements.
- 633 • ~~Amend statutes to prohibit~~Support prohibiting the construction of landfills until the
634 ~~mediation negotiating~~negotiation-mediation process is complete.
- 635 • **Clean Sweep:** Support increased state/federal funding for household and Ag Clean
636 Sweep.
- 637 • **Oppose State Increases in Landfill/Solid Waste Fees and Program Reductions:**
 - -Oppose the elimination or reduction of recycling and solid waste programs.

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Zoning and Land Regulation Land Use, Land Records, and Land Regulation

- **Flood Insurance Threat:** Oppose any proposal to suspend state floodplain rules that nullify federal flood insurance and jeopardize federal disaster assistance for Wisconsin flood victims.
- **Wisconsin Land Information Program:** Support the continuation of the Wisconsin Land Information Program and grants.
- **Comprehensive Planning:** Oppose legislation, ~~which repeals that undermines~~ the comprehensive planning statutes.
- ~~Power Plants: Support efforts to clean up dirty power plants.~~
- **Transmission Lines:** Request the State supports an independent study of the need for additional high voltage transmission lines through Dane County. Oppose the construction and operation of the proposed Cardinal-Hickory Creek transmission line pending the receipt of a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis of non-transmission alternatives.
- **Takings Legislation:** Oppose legislation that would require county government to compensate real property owners for restricted use or loss of property value as a result of law or regulations.
- ~~American Transmission Company (ATC) Requirement~~ **Transmission Line Construction:** Urge Wisconsin Public Service Commission to require ATC to construct Support requiring power lines to be constructed underground power lines underground to protect Dane County economic and environmental resources while enhancing resiliency and reliability during extreme weather events.
- ~~Stormwater Utility: Amend the WI State to allow counties to create and manage a stormwater utility.~~
- ~~Support Local Control of Erosion and Storm Water Management Standards: Oppose standardizing regulation of construction site erosion, storm water management and prohibiting local governments from enacting local ordinances that are stricter than statewide standards.~~
- **Support Local Control of Nonmetallic Mining:** Oppose any state legislation that preempts local governments from enacting their own nonmetallic mining regulations and oversight of air/water quality, highway damage, noise and use contracts.
- **Effigy Mounds & Burial Sites:** Oppose legislation that allows the disturbance or destruction of Native American effigy mounds and old burial sites.
- **Utility Deregulation:** Oppose any deregulation that leads to higher consumer rates. Any attempts to restructure the delivery of electricity should address: reliability of electrical service, equitable benefits to large and small -rate payers, the- social and environmental impacts of restructuring and the ability of counties to aggregate to purchase electricity.
- **Holding Tanks as Systems of Last Resort:** Support changes in statutes and administrative rules that oppose using holding tanks except as a last resort for new and

674 replacement septic systems. Modify rules and statutes to ensure funding from the
675 Wisconsin Fund is for the least costly systems, excluding holding tanks, unless a holding
676 tank is the system of last resort.

- **Land Use and Natural Resource Protection:** Oppose any proposals that weaken Dane County's ability to responsibly manage the use of land within its jurisdiction, including but not limited to tools like comprehensive planning, zoning, land division/subdivision regulations, and shoreland, floodplain, and wetland regulation.
- **Restore and Enhance Land Use Authority:** Support efforts to restore and expand Dane County's land use authority including but not limited to comprehensive planning, land division, zoning, and shoreland, wetland, and floodplain regulations to promote countywide planning.

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677 Elections

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

688 Community, Workforce and Economic Development

- 689 • **Wisconsin's Fair Employment Act:** Oppose permitting an employer to refuse to
690 employ, bar or terminate from employment an individual who has been convicted of a
691 felony and who has not been pardoned for that felony, and pre-empting local
692 government from adopting ordinances concerning employment discrimination based on
693 arrest or conviction records that prohibit activity allowed under the state Fair
694 Employment Act.
- 695 • **Minimum Wage:** Enacted 11/4/14 Referendum Ballot question, "Should the State of
696 Wisconsin increase the minimum wage to \$10.10 per hour?" Dane County voters
697 approved this item by 73.6% yes votes and 26.4% no votes.
- 698 • **UW Cooperative Extension's Relationship with Dane County Extension
699 Department and Wisconsin Idea Partnership:** Support Wisconsin Idea Partnership to
700 address funding reductions to UW System through the budget bill and the impacts that
701 the Badger Partnership will create for UW Extension and its partnerships with county
702 extension agencies, including the Dane County Extension Department
- 703 • **UW Hospital & Clinics (UWHC):** Support restoring the rights of workers at UWHC.
- 704 • **Student Debt:** Support legislation to lower student debt by any means possible including
705 refinancing loans, implementing tax breaks for those paying back the loans, reducing
706 interest rates and ensuring tuition is affordable.
- 707 • **School Choice Expansion:** Oppose any legislation/action to expand the voucher
708 program or a similar facsimile in the Madison Metropolitan School District or in any Dane
709 County school system.
- 710 • **Rural Broadband Coverage:** Urge the State of Wisconsin to increase financial
711 support/seek federal funding to expand broadband services to underserved rural areas.
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Arts

- **Arts Funding:** Support increased funding for the arts across Wisconsin.
- **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.