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TO: Dane County Board of Supervisors
Interested Parties

FROM: County Board Chair Patrick Miles

RE: Appointment of Jay Brower to District 13 Vacancy

On Thursday, September 7th, I held a public hearing in District 13 at Union South to hear from applicants on the vacancy due to the resignation of Supervisor Olivia Xistris-Songpanya.

Three individuals applied for the appointment – Travis Austin, Jay Brower, and Sara Redford.

- Travis Austin is a recent graduate from UW Madison who serves on the Board for the Town of Berry. Regarding the most pressing issue for the district, he indicated infrastructure funding and water quality were at the top of the list.
- Jay Brower is a lead organizer for SEIU Wisconsin with an interest in public service. He said the top issues facing the district are housing, climate change, and criminal justice reform.
- Sara Redford is the Vice President for Enterprise Business Solutions at WPS Insurance, and also worked for several years for the State of Wisconsin as a procurement officer at the Department of Administration. She indicated the top issues for the district are affordable and available housing, food insecurity, and public safety on campus.

Each of the three applicants would bring their own unique perspective to the Board. I am appointing Jay Brower to fill the District 13 vacancy on the County Board. I believe Jay will be able to make a valuable contribution to the Board as we face the opportunities and challenges over the remainder of the term, and I ask for and encourage your support for his appointment.