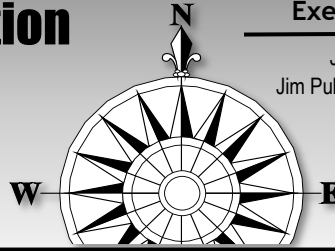


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To: Analiese Eicher, Dane County Board Chair and Dane County Board
Cc: Dane County Town Clerks and Dane County Town Boards
From: Dane County Towns Association Executive Board
Date: September 30, 2020
Re: Opposition to 2020 Resolution-200 Changing the Size of the Dane County Board and Directing the Redistricting Commission to Draw Proposed New District Maps According to the New Board Size

The Dane County Towns Association (DCTA) does not support the Dane County Board Executive Committee's recommendation to reduce the County Board by two seats. The recommendation is a merely symbolic reduction in total Board size at the expense of Town representation.

On August 5, 2020, DCTA wrote to you and the Supervisors expressing our opposition because reducing the number of seats will reduce town and rural representation. When the Dane County Board removed two supervisory districts twenty years ago, two supervisors that lived in towns and represented rural interests were lost. There is no reason to think it will be any different this time around.

This issue was discussed at the September 16, 2020 membership meeting. Members did not support a reduction and the DCTA Executive Board unanimously voted to oppose the proposed reduction in rural representation.