

# Demographic Change and the City of Madison



Interim Findings and Recommendations

Demographic Change Work Group  
2014



# Overview of Presentation

Common Council Legislative Agenda

Demographic Change Work Group

Areas of Inquiry

Research Approach

What We Learned

Interim Recommendations and Discussion





# A Legislative Agenda for the City of Madison

Why do this?...

Why Now?...





# **City of Madison Common Council 2013-2014 Legislative Agenda**

- ✓ Alternative Revenue
- ✓ Demographic Change



4/3/2014





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***“MINORITY REPORT:  
America Will Be Defined By These  
Huge Demographic Shifts”***

By Kristen Lewis and Sarah Burd-Sharps



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## Areas of Inquiry

Connecting Youth  
(especially Youth of Color)  
to Educational and Economic  
Opportunities



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## Areas of Inquiry

Improving Access:  
Building Pathways to Equality and Success  
Through Economic Policies and  
Participation in Public Decisions



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## Areas of Inquiry

Attracting Young Families to Madison



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## Areas of Inquiry

Improving the Quality of Life for Seniors



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## Methodology

- Meet with Experts, Discuss, Conduct Research
- Evaluate Tools and Solutions from Other Cities
- Select Policies Based on Opportunity & Need
- Gather Feedback from Community**
- Present to Madison Common Council for Adoption



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## What we Learned

Poverty on the rise – especially for children



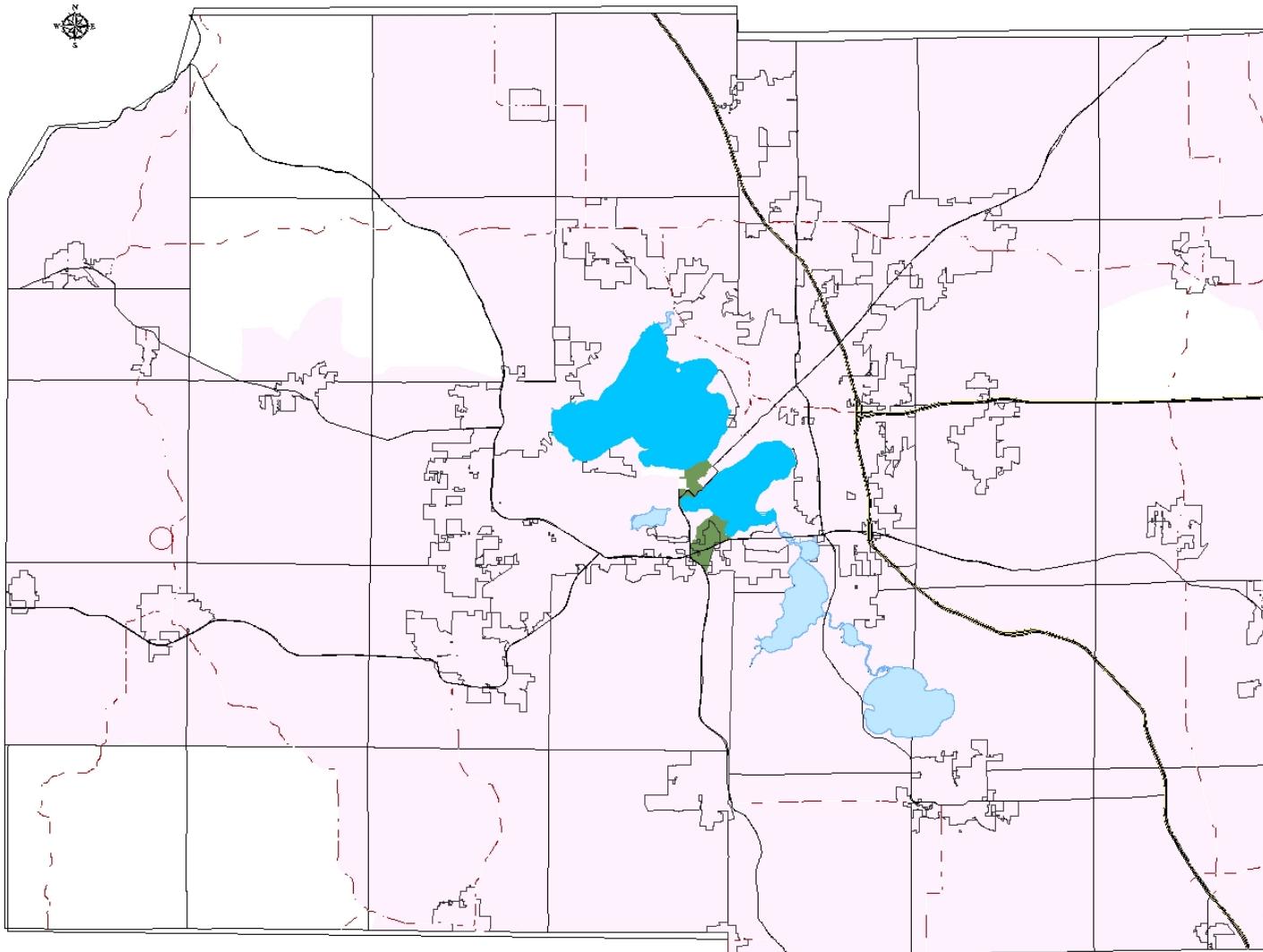
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## What we Learned

Poverty in childhood can have lasting detrimental effects on health and lifetime outcomes.



Housing + Transportation  
Costs as Percent of Income  
80% Area Median Income  
Dane County 2009



Opportunity Mapping  
September 2013

Capital Area RPC  
GIS Team

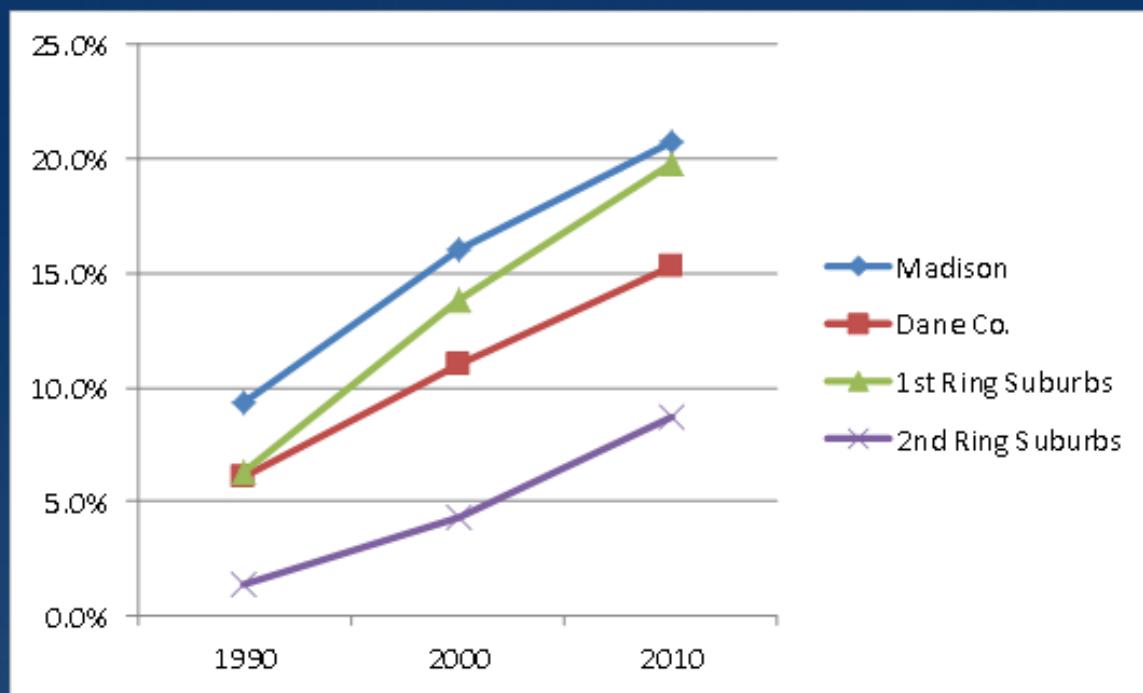
Source: Center for  
Neighborhood Technology &  
US Census American  
Community Survey



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## What we Learned

Diversity is on the rise in Madison, Dane County and across America.



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## What we Learned

Growing gaps related to education, wages, unemployment.



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## What we Learned

### Full Employment Levels by Demographic Group WI 2011

African American 66.7 Asian/Pacific Islander 87.2

< high school 73.7

Some college 87.5

16-24 yrs 75.5

Female 87.9

Hispanic 79.4

25-54 yrs 88.5

High school 82.9

White 88.8

Male 86.1

55 yrs and older 90.6

All 86.9

Bachelor's or higher 93.7



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## What we Learned

Inequity threatens growth and stability.

*“Make no mistake: the savage inequality America is experiencing today is deeply dangerous.”*



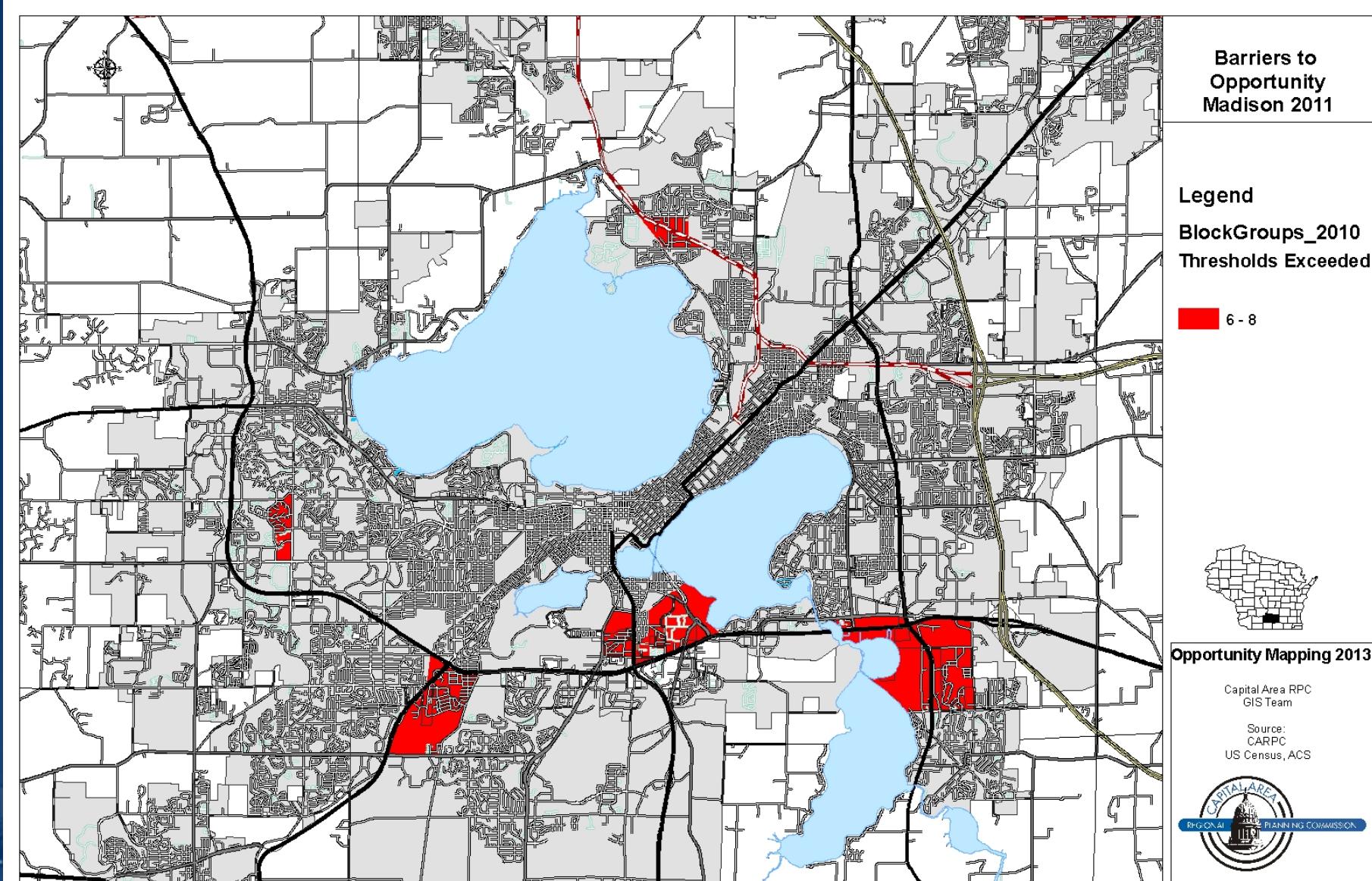
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## What we Learned

Racial disparities in Dane County in poverty and education pose significant challenges for future generations.



# Multiple Barriers to Opportunity Are Present in Certain Locations Across Madison



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## What we Learned

Disconnected youth may face a lifetime of challenges.



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## What we Learned

Seniors can become isolated leading to dire health consequences.





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## What we Learned

“Recent Retirees will need \$220,000 for health care costs”

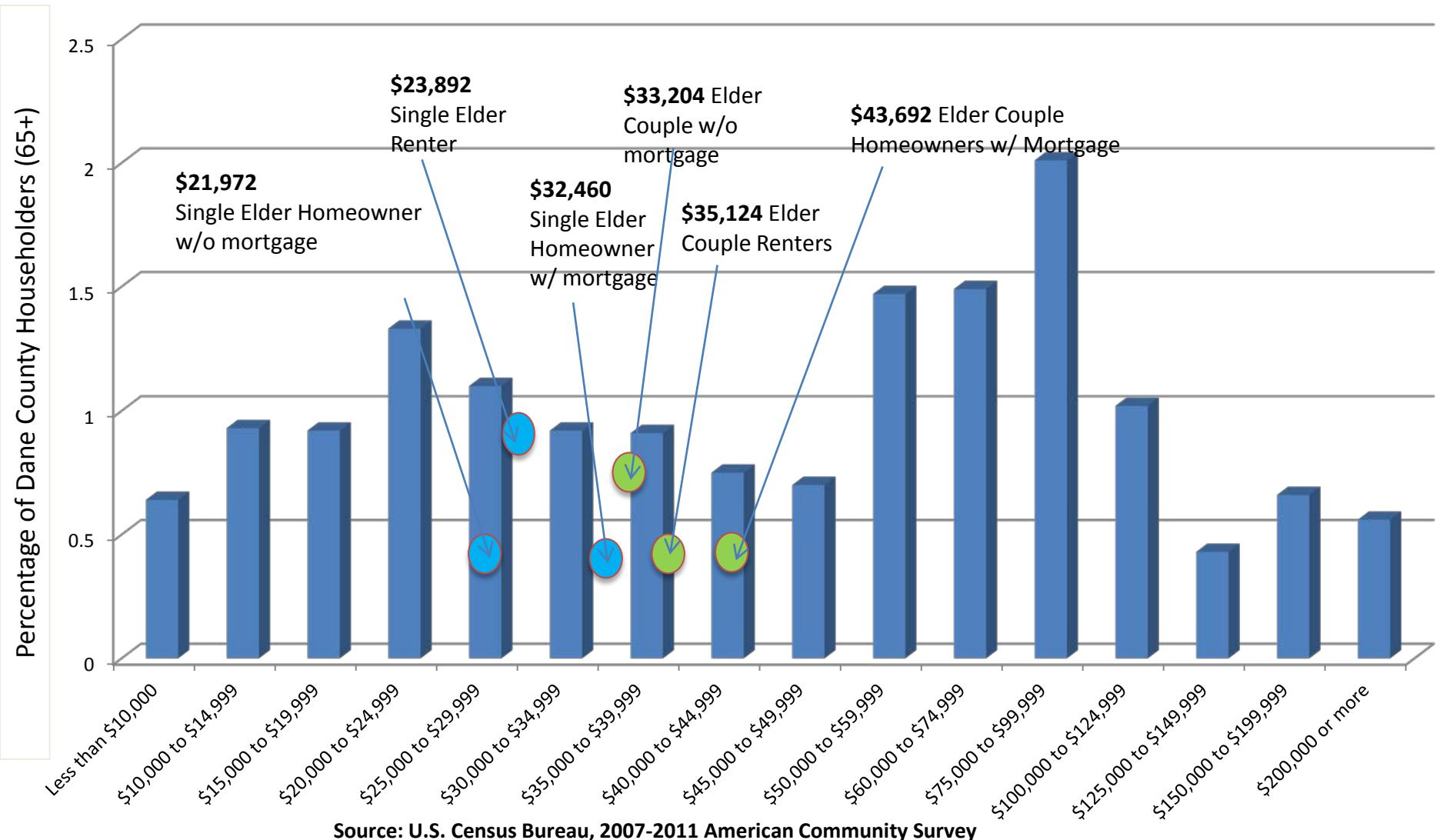
“Seniors Lose 31 Percent of Their Buying Power Since 2000”

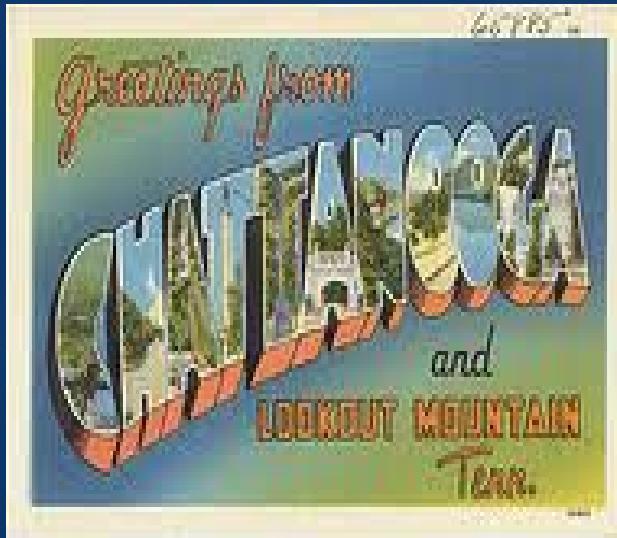
“Younger Seniors Are Burning Up Their IRAs”



# Elder Economic Security in Dane County

## Economic Security Levels for Dane County Householders (65+)





**Cities investing in seniors are more desirable destinations.**

*"There's no doubt about it – Chattanooga is an ideal city for seniors..."*

*Chattanooga is quickly becoming a favorite destination for energetic baby boomers seeking active retirement lifestyles."*





Goals	Strategies
Reduce Expenses	Cut costs for major expenses, housing, transportation, health care, child care, in particular embrace the opportunity provided by Federal Health Care Reform
Increase Access to Work	Help workers stay competitive and build skills, provide education for good jobs, <b>connect workers with economic centers</b> , anchor institutions and regional opportunities, <b>target the demographic groups with the highest unemployment.</b>
Help Families Grow Assets	Improve access to high quality financial information, education and counseling, increase access to income boosting supports and tax credits, connect residents to safe, affordable financial products and services that reduce costs and facilitate savings, create opportunities to build savings and assets, protect consumers in the financial marketplace



# Recommendation #1

Support the development of a housing project for seniors designed for public transit and pedestrian access with a portion of affordable units.



## Recommendation #2

Conduct a livability assessment in partnership with neighborhood communities for each Aldermanic district in support of the ongoing efforts to assess equity.



# Recommendation #3

Strengthen career opportunities for disadvantaged Madison youth ages 16-24 through both City of Madison internship programs and community partnerships, with a special focus on youth of color and low-income youth.



## Next Steps

Coordinate with committees to gain feedback

Share approach and

build support among community partners

Refine action steps

What we're asking for from you:

Input on the recommendations and actions

Commitment to working with Demographic Change

Work Group and engaging in the effort

