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To: All Alders

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88129 Amending Section 2.01(1) of the Madison General Ordinances related to modify the start time of Common Council meetings.

Please **reject the recommendation to move the Common Council meetings to an earlier time**. While geography makes it easier for alders and constituents of the central city to attend an earlier meeting, it is more difficult for those who reside or work in the outlying districts. Based on work, school and family schedules, the 5:30 start time would be harder for many to participate. Traffic/parking between 4:30-6:00pm can often be a challenge.

With an earlier start time, I would also expect more of the alders to attend on ZOOM, rather than in-person. It often appears that alders attending via ZOOM are not fully engaged in the meetings and therefore, are not representing their constituents.

Thank you.

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