

Dear ALRC members.

I will not be able to attend tonight's ALRC meeting- I am traveling out of the country to visit my family. I would like to share with you my opposition to item # 26, the proposed reduction of the ALRC committee member number from 9 to 7.

1. ALRC is a key committee with many items from ALRC on the Council agenda every month, thus making it critical to have a robust 9 member committee since the Council relies heavily on our recommendations. Another very similar committee is the Plan Commission which has 9 members.
2. A committee of 7 created major issues with ability of members to communicate outside the meeting. If we had 7 members 2 members communicating outside the meeting would constitute a negative quorum and thus violate public meeting laws.
3. A committee made up of 4 citizens and 3 alders as voting members does not provide enough balance of citizen input.
4. We dealt with the issues of quorum for revocation hearings by changing the process just a few months ago, allowing a subcommittee to hear the cases as opposed to a quorum of ALRC members.

I am attaching a document that provides a summary of voting members for city committees. You will notice that there are many committees with many less items that regularly come before the City Council with many more committee members.

Given the issues I raise above, I hope that you will place this item on file without prejudice.

Have a great meeting. Best,

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City of Madison Committees/Commissions and # of Voting Members

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ADA TRANSIT SUBCOM TO THE TPC -9

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION COMMISSION -11

ALCOHOL LICENSE REVIEW COMMITTEE – 9 (3 alders)

ALLIED AREA TASK FORCE-13

BUILDING CODE, FIRE CODE, CONVEYANCE CODE AND LICENSING APPEALS, BOARD OF -9

CITY-COUNTY LIAISON COMMITTEE -8

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY -7

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT COMMITTEE -9 (3 alders)

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE-11

DISABILITIES, COMMISSION ON PEOPLE WITH – 13

DOWNTOWN COORDINATING COMMITTEE

EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE -11

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE- 13 (3 alders)

EDUCATION, BOARD OF - COMMON COUNCIL LIAISON COMMITTEE – 6

ENVIRONMENT, COMMITTEE ON THE -9

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION-13

GARDENS, COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY- 10

HEALTH BOARD OF FOR MADISON AND DANE COUNTY – 8

LANDMARKS COMMISSION – 7

LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE – 11

MADISON ARTS COMMISSION – 11

MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD – 9

PARK COMMISSIONERS, BOARD OF- 7

PARKING COUNCIL FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES -7

PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE/MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION – 9 (3 alders)

PLAN COMMISSION – 9 (3 alders)

PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW COMMITTEE -9

PUBLIC WORKS, BOARD OF -7

SISTER CITY COLLABORATION COMMITTEE -9

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE -9

SUSTAINABLE DESIGN AND ENERGY COMMITTEE – 15

TRANSIT AND PARKING COMMISSION- 9 (3 alders)

URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION -9

VENDING OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE – 5

WATER UTILITY BOARD – 7

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS -5