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- President Paul J. Van Rooy
- Common Council Organizational Committee
- City of Madison
- 210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
- Madison, WI 53703

The following letter was set to the Honorable Mayor Cieslewicz and the City of Madison Common Council in early May.

I see by the Madison Web site that the Common Council Organizational Committee is holding a special meeting next week, (July 13th, 2005), on some of the same issues. Thus I feel compelled to write once again to bring to your attention the position that the Madison Area Surveyors Council has expressed in the past.

Based upon the vast number of Certified Survey Maps and Subdivision Plats that are placed before the Planning Commission and the City Council by Land Surveyors it seems to be completely ridiculous to require registration as a lobbyist.

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- Honorable Mayor Cieslewicz and
- City of Madison Common Council
- 210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
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SUBJECT: The need for Design Professionals to register as a lobbyist for presentations to the Planning Commission and/or Common Council.

At the Madison Area Surveyors Council meeting yesterday, May 11th, 2005, the following dialog was discussed and we decided to request the City of Madison establish a policy to exclude the **Design Professionals**, as defined in the Wisconsin statutes Section 443, from registering as a lobbyist.

The rationale behind this request is as follows:

1. The presentations, by the Design Professionals, are intended to be technical representations of the project not as a political influence upon the council or committees.
2. The presentations made by the Design Professionals, such as the Land Surveyors, the Consulting Engineers and the Geologists, are for the most part the presentation of factual and technical data relative to the project.
3. In general the information presented by the Design Professionals is data that the municipal staff may not

have the time or expertise to develop but would have the time to review for accuracy and detail.

4. The presentations made by the Design Professionals, such as the Architects, the Landscape Architects, are for the most part the presentation of their design of esthetic and functional information that they believe will provide the appropriate appearance to the project.

The Design Professionals position is obvious and thus completely unnecessary to indicate on the speakers slip as whether they are speaking in favor or in opposition to the project.

The solution then would be to insert a box at the top of the speakers request slip that would identify the speaker as the Design Professional associated with the project.

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