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**Cc:** Rummel, Marsha; Mayor; Eskrich, Sara  
**Subject:** Common Council Exec. Comm. items 5 and 6 (re common council governance models)

Lisa,  
Can you forward the below to the CC Exec. Committee?  
I plan to speak at today's 4:30 meeting re items 5 and 6.  
Carl

Dear Common Council Executive Committee,

After absorbing and processing testimony from Alder Eskrich and Mayor Soglin at last weeks Exec. Comm. (re common council models, position of the mayor and governance models)...  
I more and more feel huge need to dig even deeper and reach even higher...  
to the fundamental questions of life, love and learning:

- **Who are we?**
- **Why are we here?**
- **What is needed?** (to serve and honor people and place... balancing self and other, inner and outer, head and heart)

**AND...**

challenging those **you serve** to ask such questions...  
and **do** such digging and reaching...  
**before** changing governance structures and positions.

**THEN...**

I see much value in a citizen task force and/or council committee to explore new forms of governance.

Some resources for such digging and doing are below.

Two Native American legends/prophecies that particularly inspire me are here:

- **Iroquois/Haudenosaunee Legend of the Peacemaker/Great Law of Peace:** foundation for our U.S. Constitution (except that the founders left out the process of consensus and the power of women (especially grandmothers) to make war decisions and keep peace
- **Rainbow Warrior Prophecy (here and here)** that tells of courageous leaders inspiring the four root races to each weave their unique gifts into a new rainbow of peace and prosperity... in harmony with all life

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Madison native son, prodigal son, peacemaker, placemaker, servant, steward

**Resources for digging deeper and reaching higher**

- [The Work](#): seeing the hidden gift or mirror in those who trigger us
- [Spiritual Aikido](#): win/win ways to engage adversaries
- [Spontaneous Evolution](#): the power of belief and attitude to create miracles
- [Service of the soul vs. fixing of the ego](#): antidote to co-dependence and victimhood
- [Ho'oponopono](#): healing the world by healing the self
- [Soul Perspective](#): way beyond mortal ego intellect
- [Honoring Human Dignity](#): from UW grad Donna Hicks
- [Love Without End](#): the highest form of love I've seen
- [New Declaration of Independence](#): from our inner enemies
- [Compassionate Communication](#): win/win language of the heart
- [Community Building](#): by internationally renowned author Scott Peck
- [Sociocracy](#): reaching win/win consent by honoring dissent