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Subject: CCEC #4 Alders as Committee/Board officers

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President Abbas, Vice-President Martin and CCEC Members:

On your agenda this afternoon:

CCEC Item #4 67082 Amending Section 33.55(4) of the Madison General Ordinances to remove the option for an Alder to serve as an officer of the Transportation Policy and Planning Board.

Please support the Original Version 1, sponsored by Alder Harrington-McKinney.

No alder should be an officer on any of the City committees, boards, etc.

Why?

1. The primary duty of the alder is to communicate the needs and views of their district, not to manage the governance responsibilities of a "sub-unit". The additional time needed to fulfill the responsibilities of an officer will limit their availability to constituents.
2. The additional hours needed to serve effectively as an officer of another organization should not be added to the fundamental work of the alder. Based on last year's referenda results, the City rejects full-time alders. Let's not add another workload to their plate. With additional responsibilities and time commitments, the effect will be to limit the number of people who have the time available to serve in the alder positions.
3. When an alder also serves as a committee officer, it creates an equity and power imbalance throughout the City. This situation gives that alder and that district a larger say in the actions and direction of the committees/boards, and ultimately, the Common Council... an additional voice which is not available to other alders, districts or constituents.

Thank you.

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From: Mara Eisch <eisch.mara@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 9:57 AM
To: Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: CCEC Agenda #4

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Regarding *CCEC Agenda Item #4*.

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For a transparent and fair city government no alder should be an officer on any of the City committees, boards, Commissions or AD HOC COMMITTEES.

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Thank you,
Mara Eisch
Dist.10