Dane County Towns Association

Executive Board

7818 Big Sky Drive

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Dear Dane County Towns Association:

The Town of Vermont is unable to send a representative to the membership meeting on August 16, 2017 and therefore wanted to document our feedback on Wisconsin Assembly Bill 109 (AB 109) and the Legal Counsel RFP via formal letter.

Both the Town of Vermont Plan Commission and the Town of Vermont Board reviewed AB 109 and do not have any concerns with the majority of the proposed amendments. We want to strongly express our support for 60.62 (2) which states that “…the exercise of the authority under sub. (1). is subject to approval by the town meeting or by a referendum vote of the electors of the town…” We do not support the removal of the provision requiring citizen approval under any circumstances. Neither the board nor the plan commission felt strongly that the town meeting must be the annual meeting; however the annual meeting could be beneficial in that it takes place at a pre-determined time each year.

The Town of Vermont board also reviewed the legal counsel request for proposal. While we felt that the RFP is quite expansive in scope, we recognize that there is value in having legal services available. Our concern is budgetary. We do not want to see DCTA membership dues increase as a result of a legal engagement.

Thank you for your consideration of our feedback.

Sincerely,

Town Board of Town of Vermont