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## DCTA SUPPORTS INDEPENDENT COUNTY BOARD REAPPORTIONMENT

The Dane County Towns Association urges the Dane County Board of Supervisors to adopt a reapportionment process which re-draws supervisory districts in a manner which is independent of political influence. Resolution 219, before the Executive Committee tonight, is one way. The Resolution proposes assigning reapportionment to a commission which would be set up similarly to the Governmental Accountability Board. Composed of former judges, That is one model to follow. There also are suggestions out there that GIS programs can do much of the work. Which alternative to political reapportionment is not as important as the need to select an alternative to reapportionment by the County Board itself.

The DCTA is one of many organizations such as the Wisconain Democracy Campaign which believes that voters should chose their elected officials, not vice versa. We urge the County Board to set an example for other legislative bodies by assigning reapportionment to an agency which does not have an obvious self-interest in the outcome of the process.

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