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To Whom It May Concern:

As a Partner Organization of CRANES, the League of Women Voters urges passage of the “CRANES Amended Resolution.”

We do so on behalf of our members who, with all the members of CRANES partners numbering over 5000, have endorsed the 2050 Climate Action Plan Framework for the Municipalities of Dane County.

While we support the proposed updating of the City’s goals of 100% renewable energy and net zero carbon, this resolution must explicitly affirm the City’s existing commitments to:

- 50% overall energy reduction by 2030 or sooner
- Target date of “2050 or sooner” for achieving 100% renewable energy and net-zero carbon goals

Adoption of the “CRANES Amended Resolution” will harmonize the City’s updated climate/energy goals with those of the 2050 Climate Action Plan Framework, which the city endorsed in 2013, as well as its own Sustainability Plan (2009). Fortunately, it seems that everyone involved agrees that it was intended that these existing commitments would be honored. Since that is the case, passing an amended resolution that makes this intention explicit, while also putting all relevant climate/energy goals in one current document, should be supported by everyone.

Sincerely,

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