

## **Local Government**

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Counts as Government Reporting

Length 600-700 Words

Story Deadline: March 15, 11:59 p.m.

You are to write a story about a local or state government issue. You might look at bills that may become law, proposals for regulation change, elections, how budget changes affect how an office works, benefits are distributed, and so forth.

The story must be written in AP style. Aim to have a compelling lede and a clear, engaging nut graf. If you call a source, you should identify yourself to any sources as “X, doing a story on X for possible publication in *Madison Commons*, an online news outlet here in Madison.” List all sources, their title (if appropriate), and contact information (i.e. phone number or email) at the bottom of the story. The source list does not count as part of the word count of the story. I reserve the right to check in with your sources.

Write three potential headlines for your story and include at least one photo and outline.

Turn in your story via Canvas by March 15, 11:59 p.m.