

**Bay Creek Neighborhood Association**  
**Resolution in Opposition to the Policies of Governor Scott Walker**  
*Proposed for Adoption: July 13, 2011*

**WHEREAS**, Many Bay Creek neighbors are public servants including school teachers, university employees, municipal employees, and state workers. Rather than taking a shared sacrifice approach to solving Wisconsin's modest budget problems, Governor Walker's solution is to assault these public employees who work hard to provide essential services.

**WHEREAS**, Bay Creek is well-served by public transit and bike trails and residents appreciate the opportunity to use energy efficient transportation alternatives that help reduce oil consumption. Governor Walker's decisions to reject federal funding for intercity rail, oppose the Regional Transit Authority (RTA), and oppose state investments in bicycle infrastructure undermine our neighborhood's desire for a diverse, comprehensive, and energy efficient transportation system.

**WHEREAS**, Many Bay Creek residents strive to save energy, subscribe to our local utility's green energy program (which is mostly generated by wind), and some have even installed renewable energy systems at home. Governor Walker's decisions to cut funding for biomass energy projects, cripple the state's wind power industry, and favor outdated fossil-based energy sources over clean renewable technologies is counter to Bay Creek's collective interest in supporting a modern energy system that utilizes renewable resources.

**WHEREAS**, The Bay Creek Neighborhood and the larger South Madison area is a community that takes pride in its diversity with respect to age, race, ethnicity, disability status, sexual orientation, and income. Governor Walker's agenda would weaken state programs and services designed to protect vulnerable Wisconsin residents and undermine neighborhoods like Bay Creek where inclusivity and respect for those less fortunate are a community values.

**WHEREAS**, The Bay Creek Neighborhood upholds a high standard of public discourse that is thoughtful, open, values listening, and respects opposing opinions. This is reflected in our neighborhood meetings, our exchanges on our email listserve, and our daily conversations with neighbors. In contrast, Governor Walker's approach to public discourse is short-sighted, ideologically entrenched, and pays little regard to the importance of listening to and working with people with differing views.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** The Bay Creek Neighborhood Association stands in opposition to Governor Scott Walker's policies identified above and disapproves of his overall approach to leadership in Wisconsin. The neighborhood encourages Governor Walker to rethink his policies and his attitude towards governing. Finally, and most importantly, Bay Creek Neighborhood residents are ready and resolved to aggressively support efforts to unseat Governor Walker and replace him with someone who better reflects the values of our neighborhood.