

# Dane County Democratic Party Candidate Questionnaire

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## **Professional Experience:**

VP of Strategy - Quit Genius

## **Political/Service Experience:**

One term as Middleton Alder (District 5)

## **Why Are You Running In This Election?**

I am running to continue the work we started over the last two years to make Middleton a more just, equitable, and welcoming community. We have accomplished much but still have a long way to go.

## **What Are The Three Most Important Issues In Your Race?**

1. Affordable Housing; 2. Storm Water Management; 3. Public Transportation

## **What Are The Largest Environmental Concerns You Aim To Deal With In Office?**

Storm Water Management

## **How Will You Use Your Position To Create More Equitable Opportunities And Help Those Living In Poverty?**

Over the last two years I have been a champion of affordable housing developments, particularly in my own District

### **How Do We Address Racial Inequality?**

The primary thing we can do is elevate Middleton's citizens of colors to leadership positions on various committees, commissions, and other boards. We need to listen to them and learn about their own experiences.

### **How will you promote restorative justice and address abusive and racist practices by the police force?**

We need a collaborative dialogue with the Middleton Police Department.

### **Due to the ongoing economic impact of Coronavirus, many local governments are expecting unprecedented budget shortfalls. What would you prioritize in the budget? Where would you make cuts?**

The City of Middleton will most likely need to pursue a referendum to raise our levy limits beyond the harsh restrictions imposed by the State Legislature. Without it, we will be severely understaffed as a community of our size which will affect the services we are able to deliver to our constituents.

### **How have you elevated diverse voices in government and public discourse? How would you continue to do so if elected to this office?**

I was the sponsor of the Resolution which reformed the Middleton Equity Team which is a coalition of government officials and citizens who work to address the important issues associated with racial inequity and diversity. We need to redouble our efforts to ensure MET grows and succeeds in the years ahead.

**What Are The Largest Transportation Issues You Wish To Work On And How Will You Address Them?**

The largest transportation issue facing Middleton is the escalating cost of Metro Madison bus service. Those rising costs have prevented us from being able to expand weekend bus service between Middleton and downtown Madison.

**Any Other Issues/Topics You Wish To Discuss?**