

Dane Dems Endorsement Questionnaire

Thank you for seeking an endorsement from the Dane County Democratic Party. You do not need to answer all of the questions below, but please answer all of the ones you feel are pertinent to your campaign. We will ask more detailed questions and followups during our interview, if we choose to have one, so feel free to answer these questions as briefly or thoroughly as you desire. These answers will be shared in full with our membership before they vote on your endorsement.

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Candidate name *

Regina Vidaver

Position you are running for (include municipality) *

District 5, Madison Common Council

Campaign website

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Professional Experience *

Current: Section Manager, Chronic Disease Prevention & Cancer Control, WI Dept. of Health Services Division of Public Health. Former: Program Manager, Wisconsin Research and Education Network (WREN), Department of Family Medicine & Community Health, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine & Public Health; Executive Director, Free to Breathe (since merged with Lung Cancer Research Foundation); Science Writer and Editor, Department of Plant Pathology, UW-Madison

Political/Service Experience *

Current Alder, District 5, Madison Common Council

Why are you running for this seat? *

I believe my experience in strategic planning, budgeting, results-based accountability, and community engagement have prepared me well for this role. I deeply enjoy serving my community, and seek the opportunity to continue to do so.

What are the three most important issues in your race? *

I am running unopposed.

What are the largest environmental concerns you aim to deal with in office?

I am a proud sponsor of the Building Energy Savings Program that has been recently introduced. This Program is designed to reduce emissions from our largest commercial buildings, which currently contribute to 30% of Madison's greenhouse gas emissions. We will also be dealing with PFAS contamination, both in our drinking water and the surface water from which consumable fish are obtained.

How will you use your position to create more equitable opportunities and help those living in poverty?

I am constantly seeking opportunities to improve affordable housing, and have and will continue to champion such initiatives as our guaranteed income pilot, support for people experiencing homelessness, and job training opportunities and supports.

What will you do to address racial inequality?

It is important that we look at all of our ordinances and regulations to understand where systems are actually contributing to racial inequality, and how we can address them. By supporting focused proposals, such as the South Madison TIF, we can attempt to redress some of the wrongs of prior eras.

How will you promote restorative justice and address racially biased policing?

I have and will continue to support the CARES initiative, which diverts police away from many mental health calls. This is an enormous change to how the City has dealt with such matters, and data so far are very positive. I have been supportive of Chief Barnes' initiatives to improve community policing, which are designed to make sure the first encounter someone has with a police officer is getting to know them in their community, not as an offender. Chief Barnes has committed to data transparency, so we will have the opportunity to review whether this approach is working in Madison.

How will you improve the public health of our community in your position?

I am currently working on initiatives to limit alcohol outlet density, and review opportunities to restrict smoking in multi-unit buildings. I championed getting the Madison Public Market across the finish line, which is an initiative designed to improve entrepreneurship, particularly among women and persons of color - such initiatives improve public health by improving community cohesion and job creation.

What are the largest transportation issues you wish to work on and how will you address them?

We will need to be vigilant about reviewing the impact of the initiation of the Bus Rapid Transit system on the City, and how our public transportation is, or isn't, appropriately serving the majority of our residents.

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

I have committed to remaining cordial, building bridges, discussion multiple perspectives, and above all ensuring open and transparent government.

Any other issues/topics you wish to discuss?

I appreciate your consideration!

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