

# 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 \*

Sabrina Madison

Position you are running for (include municipality) \*

Alder for District 17 on the Madison Common Council

Campaign website

madisonformadison.com

Professional Experience \*

Entrepreneur, Founder & CEO of the Progress Center for Black Women

## Political/Service Experience \*

I was appointed in October 2022 to serve out the rest of the former Alders term. Civic engagement can also be found at: <https://madisonformadison.com/meet-sabrina-madison/>

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## Why are you running for this seat? \*

I am running for Alder because I firmly believe that I'm prepared to lead in this capacity. My ability to bring people together to work towards our shared goals despite personal, political, and professional differences has been well established. I will serve as an empowering community navigator through the district's most important issues, always discovering sustainable solutions and strengthening pathways for economic and social mobility for everyone.

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

Along with centering the City of Madison's mission and values in my leadership as Alder, the three most important issues include:

Working to collaborate effectively with local housing partners to ensure current and future community members are able to afford to rent and/or buy a home in Madison.

Lead and champion strategies to tackle barriers to economic and social mobility for all members of our community.

Investing in violence prevention initiatives that have been proven to work as well as Madison's Vision Zero Initiative to so that each of us feels much safer going wherever we may need to go.

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

Mitigating urban heat islands

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

I will continue to center the City's mission and values around providing high quality service and equity to guide my role in policymaking. As in my leadership outside of my role as Alder, I will continue to elevate the voices and needs of communities who have received the least financial investments. My leadership in this area will include advocating for innovative approaches to address the lack of affordable housing, support a living wage for individuals and households, increase funding for youth and young adult programming, collaborating with my colleagues to support small business development, and improving how the City collects and analyzes data to guide our policy making.

What will you do to address racial inequality?

This is a multifaceted answer but at the foundation of addressing racial inequality is call it out versus talking around it. I will continue to call it out and work to invest life affirming models to restore Black, Black, Indigenous, and other people of color.

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

Investing in life affirming models including restorative justice programs, working to limit the role of police in situations where CARES or other social interventions are more effective, continue to invest in life affirming resources.

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

Support measures to stop the spread of COVID-19, invest in resources to treat addiction, work to increase access to parks/recreation/fitness programming for communities of color, expanding CARES, and overall elevating the concerns of communities who have received the least investment.

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

I want to work on ensuring that Bus Rapid Transit is fully accessible. Alongside my colleagues I'll work with groups whose missions are to advocate for people with disabilities and underserved neighborhoods.

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

I regularly invite elected officials from Black and Brown communities into spaces with other leaders and various communities so that they can both share their priorities but also make needed connections and garner support. I have continued to do this and see no reason to stop.

Any other issues/topics you wish to discuss?

Making information more accessible for residents is also something I'm very passionate about and will work to make accessing the City's resources (and website) more user friendly.

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