

Dane Dems Endorsement Questionnaire

Thank you for seeking an endorsement from the Dane County Democratic Party. **This questionnaire is due by no later than Friday, January 24, at 11:59 PM.**

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 and mark the questions you do not feel are pertinent N/A. 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 *

Barbara Harrington-McKinney

Position you are running for (include municipality) *

Alder, District 20

Campaign website

mckinneyformadison.com

Professional Experience *

Executive Administrator, Christ the Solid Rock Baptist Church (2020-current); Diversity & Inclusion Program Coordinator, Alzheimer's & Dementia Alliance of Wisconsin, develop, coordinate, facilitate education and recreation programs for African Americans families to reduce stigma of Alzheimer's and associated dementia diagnosis; Adjunct Instructor Edgewood College, Introduction to Community Building/Restorative Justice; Madison Urban Ministry (Just Dane), Associate Director, Supervision of Re-Entry Programs; Coordinator, Community Restorative Justice Court; Dane County Timebank; Assistant Teacher/Instructor, Operation Fresh Start; Grief Support Specialist; Trauma Informed Practice; Active Listening Skills & Crisis Intervention training. Former Board Member, The Road Home;

Political/Service Experience *

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Why are you running for this seat? *

Unfinished Business was the answer I provided to this question when I ran in 2023. In 2025 same answer "unfinished business". This is a one year term for even districts (District 20). We are in a critical and challenging time in our local government. We face unknown challenges at the federal government level, but my focus is within our local space. The city of Madison projects its population will grow to approximately 385,269 by 2050. This would be an increase of 115,269 from the 2020 population of 260,840. Madison's population growth was the fastest of Wisconsin's populated cities. The city projects the need to build an additional 10,000 housing units every five years until 2050. But the reality is Madison is becoming unaffordable for most and becoming out of reach for so many. This will be a one year term for the even Districts. The Alder for District 20 must prepared to hit the ground on day one. I offer experience and focused leadership. Madison is a great place to live, but Madison is out of reach for too many. I will continue to hold regular office hours.

Investment in safe neighborhoods, challenge systems, elevate the voices of District 20 residents and address issues that matter: Public Safety, Equity, ensure inclusion of voices often left out of the decision-making process. A voice at the table when making decisions around issues that impact our communities. Shared values and beliefs that work together to create positive change. Participation in decision-making impacting daily needs, basic services, housing security, employment, transit, food access, health, safety, education..

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

1. Safe Neighborhoods
2. Accessible, Affordable and varied Housing Stock
3. Transportation

The mission of the Common Council is to represent the residents of Madison: promoting the safety, health and general well-being of the community. Priority is for community voices to be heard, everyone should feel safe in their homes and their neighborhoods. Residents do support high quality city services but expect city government that is transparent and welcoming to all. Important is the city budget. A financial plan that outlines how the city will spend its money a over a specific time period. The city must have a balanced budget. Budget transparency is critical. It is critical to have citizen participation and be informed on and engaged the budget process. The Referendum passed; the city does value quality services at a price they can afford. There are taxpayers experiencing significant challenges not being able to afford to live in Madison or age in place in their beloved neighborhoods as the City "struggles" to maintain service levels to keep pace with a growing population

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

Environmental concerns in Madison reported to include water and air polution, climate change. Water pollution - PFAS, drinking water quality. Public outcry related to issues suchh as contamination of Starkweather Creek have residents very concerned. Most likely will be an issue during the upcoming candidate debates.

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

Racial equity and social justice should be a core principle in ALL decisions, policies and functions of the City. Continue to support in programs that help those living in poverty, often it shows up as a checked box on a form. The median household income in Madison is \$82,996. Living wage calculation is the hourly rate that an individual in a household must earn to support themselves and/or their family, working full-time (2080 hours per year). Minimum wage is \$7.25 per hour. I will support employment, training and housing opportunies for families living in poverty. I will support improving programs for people experiencing poverty by increasing access to resources, providing more support for families and creating opportunities for education and employment services to help people gain family-sustaining employment. Access to resources such as early childhood care, healthy foods, out-of-school programs, education services. Encourage the City to form partnerships with unbiased agencies, requiring accountability, being answerable to public opinion. Stronger and enforceable oversight on apartment management companies, especially those headquarter out of state.

What will you do to address racial inequality, promote restorative justice, and/or address racially biased policing?

I have not wavered in my support of community policing as a collaborative approach to law enforcement that aims to prevent crime and improve public safety. It involves building trust and partnerships between the police and the community: community engagement, proactive problem-solving, increased accountability (foot/bicycle patrols, hotspot policing, traffic enforcement and BODY WORN CAMERAS FOR MADISON POLICE. We have state of the art bus transit systems, addressing the housing shortages, but we do not want to invest in BWC to hold ALL parties involved in "incidents" accountable.

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

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

Speeding. Transit mobility to get people where they need to go!

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

I will continue to elevate community voices. I was accused of "hijacking" the westside budget conversations. The City talks about public engagement. Engagement is an "action" word. The City must make community engagement "participatory" vs "controlled".

Any other issues/topics you wish to discuss?

Volunteer Experience: Chief Election Inspector since 2006, Share Your Holidays, Department of Corrections Volunteer: Restorative Justice Circle Facilitator, Family Matters, Education & Teaching; YWCA Restorative Justice Facilitator, United Way Board & Community Solutions Team, Chair, Early Childhood Solutions Team; Grief Support Specialist; Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA);

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