

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.

Email *

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Candidate name *

Cynthia Kelm-Nelson

Position you are running for (include municipality) *

Village of Cottage Grove, President

Campaign website

https://kelmnelson.com/

Professional Experience *

Neuroscientist

Political/Service Experience *

Village Board Trustee; Library Board, President; Library Facilities, Chair; EMS Commission, Secretary; Peer Steering Court; Ad Hoc Centennial- Chair; Tourism Commission

Why are you running for this seat? *

Communication, strategic planning, and investing in community infrastructure.

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

Budgeting, growth, transparency.

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

n/a

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

Working with Dane County to address the affordable housing shortage and continue the work of our housing task force.

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

Our peer steering court is revising youth restorative justice practices in Cottage Grove.

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

Libraries are essential pillars of community health. Building a library in Cottage Grove will improve public health by providing free access to resources that support mental well-being, lifelong learning, and social connection, reducing isolation and stress.

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

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

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Any other issues/topics you wish to discuss?

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