

# 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 \*

Sam Kaufmann

Position you are running for (include municipality) \*

Waunakee Village Board Trustee

Campaign website

### Professional Experience \*

Quality department intern, Octopi Brewing in Waunakee. Operate lawn care/landscaping business. Full time undergrad and accelerated master's student at UW-Madison. Previously worked as summer school teacher's aide for Waunakee Community School District.

### Political/Service Experience \*

Waunakee Village Board Trustee, 2021-present. Founder, Friends of Six Mile Creek (log jam removal crew). Served as citizen on Waunakee Housing Task Force, Dane County Parks Commission, and Waunakee Community School District Ad Hoc DEI Committee. Campaign manager for State Representative Randy Udell.

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

I am running for re-election to my position because there is more work I'd like to do as a trustee, plus I want to prevent Republicans from regaining the majority on the Village Board that they had until just a couple of years ago.

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

- Maintain high quality public services like police, fire, public works, and EMS with growth
- Update Comprehensive Plan with parameters that support efforts to grow affordable housing stock and encourage competition in the marketplace
- Promote pedestrian safety on our heavily trafficked Main Street and Century Avenue

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

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

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

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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?

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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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