

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 *

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Position you are running for (include municipality) *

District 13 Alder - Madison Common Council

Campaign website

tagevers.com

Professional Experience *

Self-Employed Concert Promoter

Political/Service Experience *

Three terms on Common Council as D13 Alder

Why are you running for this seat? *

I am running to continue the work to make Madison a better place to live for all our residents.

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

1. Addressing our housing crisis by building more housing at all price levels. 2. Increasing the number of affordable units in D13. 3. Expanding multi-modal transit options to meet the needs of our rapidly growing city.

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

1. Protecting the health and vitality of Monona Bay and Lake Wingra, eliminate mandatory parking minimums for new developments, promote appropriate infill and density to reduce congestion and carbon emissions.

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

I will continue to work with Bayview Foundation and Neighborhood House to expand their services in District 13. I serve on the Board of the Community Development Authority and will continue to use that position to push for more social housing.

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

Reducing housing insecurity and increasing home ownership options for low-income residents addresses one of the more significant elements of racial inequality in Madison.

I am committed to working with the new police chief (replacing Chief Shon Barnes) to make sure we continue to make progress to reduce racial bias in policing. I have been frustrated with the limited progress made by the Office of Independent Monitor and Police Civilian Oversight Board and am committed to making sure we are offering adequate and responsible oversight of MPD. I am open to equipping all officers with Body-Worn Cameras, provided we can figure out how to pay for this in a time of tight budgets.

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

Violence Prevention is a major component of our public health efforts. Making sure we are adequately funding youth and family services to address root causes. I will be paying careful attention to the project at 1202 S. Park St that will include a number of units for young people transitioning out of foster care. I am working with the South District Captain and the property managers at the Park Cedar Apartments to make sure we are addressing challenges proactively, building community as a preventative buffer against public safety setbacks.

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

With President-elect Trump taking office, we may not get the federal funds needed to fully-fund the N/S Bus Rapid Transit line. We will need to figure out what we can do to optimize against this constraint. I will continue to work with Traffic Engineering to implement Complete Green Streets and to address endemic traffic safety challenges throughout the district.

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

I serve on the most diverse Common Council in our city's history. I will continue to listen to the voices of colleagues whose lived experiences are different than my own.

Any other issues/topics you wish to discuss?

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