



League of Women Voters of Wisconsin Education Fund

Wisconsin State Legislature VOTERS' GUIDE

2008 Fall Primary and General Election
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ABOUT THIS GUIDE

In an effort to fulfill our mission of encouraging active and informed participation in government, the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin Education Fund (LWVWIEF) has surveyed the candidates certified for the 2008 Wisconsin Partisan Fall Elections. This *Voters' Guide* has been prepared in advance of the September Primary Election. This *Voters' Guide* contains verbatim responses from candidates in statewide elections. Candidates and their responses are listed according to order by the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board. Candidates were asked to adhere to word limits imposed by printing space requirements. Where these were exceeded, the response was ended with a reasonable length sentence and noted by [word limit]. "No Reply" is noted for candidates who did not respond to the League questionnaire, and "Refused to Answer" is noted for those candidates who state it is their policy not to respond to surveys.

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VOTING IN WISCONSIN

Qualifications:

U.S. citizenship, 18 years of age by Election Day, and residence in your Wisconsin voting district for at least 10 days prior to Election Day are required to vote. Residence in a district for fewer than 10 days, but immediately preceded by residence elsewhere in Wisconsin, allows you to vote in the former district by absentee ballot ahead of time. Absentee ballots are available at your municipal clerk's office. For more information, please contact your local municipal clerk, the LWVWI website at <http://www.lwvwi.org/>, or the Government Accountability Board website at <http://elections.state.wi.us/>.

Election Day Voter Registration: Election Day Voter Registration: Registration is required for all Wisconsin voters. The websites above explain how to register before the election. Alternately, you may register at your polling place on election day and then vote. To register, proof of residence in the ward is required, such as an official Wisconsin driver's license or identification card with your address. If you do not have written proof, a qualified voter from your municipality can serve as your witness to verify your address.

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Candidate Questions:

The League collaborated this year with Common Cause in Wisconsin and Wisconsin Democracy Campaign to ask the following set of questions to candidates for state office.

1. **YES OR NO:** Do you support and would you vote for bipartisan campaign finance reform legislation that would provide full, 100 percent public financing to candidates for the State Supreme Court who qualify for such funding and who agree to limit their spending, and would be eligible to receive additional matching funds if a non-complying opponent exceeds the spending limit, and/or if they are the target of outside spending in the form of independent expenditures or sham issue ads?"
2. **YES OR NO:** Do you support and would you vote for bipartisan, comprehensive campaign finance reform that would reduce special interest influence and the cost of campaigning by setting new voluntary campaign spending limits as a threshold condition for receiving public financing grants equal to at least 35 to 45 percent of the legally established spending limits for the offices they seek as well as:
 - Provide supplemental public grants to candidates who are the targets of outside interest group spending and/or are opposed by candidates who do not agree to limit their spending and exceed the spending limit;
 - Require increased disclosure and regulation of so-called "issue advocacy" by interest groups or individuals;
 - Prohibit campaign fundraising during the state budget process and ban contributions by anyone bidding for a state contract;
 - Eliminate leadership-controlled legislative campaign committees;
 - Limit out-of-state special interest money;
 - Ban the pooling of special interest political action committee money to create so-called "SuperPACs"?
3. **YES OR NO:** Do you support and would you vote for legislation mirroring the bipartisan 2007 Senate Bill 463 requiring the complete disclosure of the source of funding for so-called "issue ads" and requiring that the funds for such electioneering comply with campaign contribution limits in Wisconsin law?
(This would limit individual donations and prohibit the use of money from the general treasuries of corporations, labor unions and Native American tribes to pay for such electioneering.)
4. **YES OR NO:** Do you support and would you vote for legislative measures making electoral competitiveness a legal or constitutional standard that must be applied by the Legislature and the courts in establishing state legislative and congressional district boundaries?
5. **YES OR NO:** Do you support and would you vote for legislative measures establishing an independent commission or authority to handle the task of redrawing legislative and congressional districts after each census beginning in 2011?
6. **YES OR NO:** Do you support and would you vote for legislation to tighten Wisconsin's "revolving door" policy by requiring at least a one-year "cooling off" period before former legislators, top legislative aides and key executive branch officials can become registered lobbyists and prohibiting persons convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor committed in their former capacity as a legislator, legislative aide or key executive branch official from becoming registered lobbyists?
7. In 100 words or less, please describe your particular priorities for your term in office and your specific qualifications to effectively address those issues.

Candidate Party Key:

(C) = Constitution; (D) = Democratic; (IND) = Independent; (L) = Libertarian;
(R) = Republican; (WG) = Wisconsin Green;

(I) Incumbent

State Offices in Wisconsin

About the Wisconsin Legislature

The Wisconsin Legislature is made up of a 33-member Senate and the 99-member Assembly. Senators serve staggered four-year terms and Assembly members serve two-year terms. The Legislature's main responsibility is to make policy by enacting state laws. They can also override a governor's veto of any legislation by a two-thirds vote in both houses of the legislature. All members earn a salary of \$47,413 per year.

Wisconsin Senate

Senate District 2

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No Reply

Senate District 4



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1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. No
6. Yes

7. Better government should be the goal of all elected officials. My number one priority is education – quality teachers, high standards, and accountability. Without the power of knowledge and information nothing can change in our society and government. Being the bridge between the community and the government and growing in that process by day to day interaction is my goal and plan. I am humbled to bring 4 years of experience on the Joint Finance Committee, and over 5 years of service in the Legislature, as well as commitment to service and making change a reality.

Senate District 6

Spencer Coggs (D), (I)

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No Reply

Senate District 8

Sheldon Wasserman (D)

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No Reply

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No Reply

Senate District 10

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1. Yes. I voted for and actively supported “impartial justice” legislation. Maintaining the integrity of our court system is imperative.
2. Yes. I have sponsored and fought for comprehensive campaign finance reform. I also have a longstanding policy to not accept special interest PAC money in my campaign.
3. Yes. I have sponsored such legislation to bring about full disclosure. Voters should know who is funding political activities and special interests should be subject to the same rules as all political candidates.
4. I would need more information, but generally support efforts for fair redistricting that does not gerrymander to protect incumbents and political party representation.
5. Yes. I have been a lead author of legislation to save taxpayer money and bring about objective, nonpartisan redistricting.
6. Yes
7. Wisconsin working families are challenged by a slowing national economy. I offer leadership that supports lowering our tax burden, fighting for affordable health care, and creating a positive environment for job growth. To do this, we need to change the current direction of the State Senate. Working together, we have gotten results. Key accomplishments that I have led on include passage of the Crackdown on Meth Act which has helped reverse the growth in meth labs in our communities; enacting health care cooperatives that are now poised to help provide families and small employers more affordable health care choices; and banning of the Frankenstein Veto to restore tax-and-spend accountability.

Senate District 12

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Senate District 14

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Senate District 16

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1. Yes. I am a co-sponsor of SB171 which provides for public financing of Supreme Court races in the manner outlined in this question. Media advertising in the past several Supreme Court races has been dominated by special interest money with victory going to the candidate supported by the biggest spender. This significantly undermines confidence that the court is impartial when it makes its decisions.
2. Yes. I have been a long-time supporter of public financing of political campaigns. Wisconsin's current system of public financing has not kept pace with inflation and has eroded to the point where it is seldom used in competitive races. Public financing as envisioned in this question not only reduces the influence of special interest money, it also fosters the emergence of forums and campaign practices that give voters more information about candidates than they can get from carefully-crafted 15 second ads as is our current practice.

3. Yes. All campaign advertisements should be subject to the same disclosure requirements. Voters deserve to know who is responsible for all messages designed to influence the outcome of elections. Currently, a significant number of campaign ads (so-called "issue ads") avoid disclosure by pretending not to be campaign ads. This loophole should be closed.
4. Yes. The federal Voting Rights Act makes it difficult to create competitive districts statewide, but within the constraints of federal law, I believe that increasing the number of competitive districts would improve our system of representative government.
5. Yes. Iowa uses an independent commission to draw district boundaries. As a result, many of Iowa legislative districts are competitive. I support such a system.
6. Yes. Although former legislators frequently become lobbyists, there is little, if any, abuse of the "revolving door" in Wisconsin. There is huge abuse at the national level. The primary purpose of such legislation would be to forestall the potential for abuse and to provide additional assurance to voters that legislative decisions are not influenced by the prospect of a better-paying job as a future lobbyist.
7. My legislative priorities include comprehensive health care reform, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, recycling of discarded electronic equipment, campaign finance and electoral reform, and establishing a state-wide water conservation program. We also need to put the state's fiscal house in order and begin reducing the structural deficit that has continued to grow over the past 15 years.

Senate District 18

Jessica J. King (D)

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No Reply

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No Reply

Senate District 20

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No Reply

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1. Yes. See my editorial on this very subject here: <http://clydewinter.wordpress.com/2008/02/28/power-to-the-voter/>
2. Yes. See my published article on this very subject, as discussed by me and my deer-hunting buddy one cold winter day: <http://clydewinter.wordpress.com/2008/01/02/pay-for-elections-low-cost-and-up-front-or-high-cost-and-under-the-table/> See the roots of this problem, and why it seems so difficult to successfully implement reform, and how the Wisconsin legislature grappled with it last session: <http://clydewinter.wordpress.com/2008/06/05/how-wisconsin-legislators-voted-on-ending-legalized-bribery/>
3. Yes. A recent "non-partisan" election brings the problem posed by phony "issue ads" into stark relief, and this article helps explain why I answered "Yes". <http://clydewinter.wordpress.com/2008/03/27/louis-butler-v-michael-gableman/>
4. Yes. Uncontested elections are bad elections. If they persist for years, they result in One Party Rule in that region. The only issues and solutions that are discussed are the issues and solutions that the Ruling Party wants on the table. It discourages people of all ages from caring and voting. If the legislators don't have to worry about how we are going to vote, then the only thing left they have to worry about is how the corporations that fund their Party want them and their Party to act. That leads to government by and for the corporations and lobbyists, not of, by, and for the people.
5. Yes. Politicians should not be in charge of gerrymandering their own districts to insure their own re-election.
6. Yes. One day, my wife and I went to Madison and made an appointment with our member of the Assembly (who is no longer "serving"). We had never met or spoken with him before. His staff reported he was unavoidably absent, and agreed to reschedule our meeting for later in the day. We returned and were again told he was not in. A man walked in, right past us, waving at the staffer, opened the door of the assemblyman's inner office without knocking, began talking and closed the door behind him. He was an out-of-state lobbyist for a huge multinational corporation. He sure acted right at home.
7. 1. Government of, by, and for the people, instead of by and for the corporations. 2. Comprehensive health care for all, based on medical need, instead of on the luck of the draw, the fine print in your insurance policy, and whether you have any coverage or money left. 3. High quality public education for all, now and for the future. 4. Elected officials who make progress, not partisan points. Standing united for the people will take hard work, open minds, and caring hearts. I honor and share those traits with Wisconsin citizens from all backgrounds and walks of life. <http://clydewinter.wordpress.com/category/wisconsin-legislature/>

Senate District 22

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No Reply

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No Reply

Senate District 24

Julie Lassa (D), (I)

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1. Yes, I sponsored this proposal, known as the Impartial Justice Bill, this past session and voted for it on the Senate floor where it passed 23-10.

2. I have supported and voted for comprehensive campaign finance reform in the past. I have a strong record on campaign reform issues and was named a Public Ally by the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign for my work on this issue.

3. Yes, I believe disclosure is a vital element in our campaign finance laws.

4. I support competitive districts but they have to be cohesive and make sense for the constituency of the district. We have to be careful so that we do not manipulate the districts to the point that we are diluting certain populations and run a foul of federal law.

5. I would consider supporting legislation that would set up a non-partisan or independent group to deal with redistricting; however, I would like to see the specific wording and details of the bill before committing.

6. Yes, I wrote the “revolving door” legislation that passed the Senate this session. I also agree that persons should be barred from lobbying if they have a felony conviction.

7. If re-elected my legislative priorities are to continue to: focus on strategies to grow our state’s economy especially those that encourage entrepreneurship and opportunities in new technologies such as biotech, renewable resources etc.; streamline and improve the state’s economic development programs; strengthen unemployed worker education programs with special emphasis on skills and training needed for jobs that are experiencing a worker shortage; protect children from recalled and defective toys and products as well as harmful chemicals; promote good government through better budget accounting, auditing of large state programs regularly for performance and management.

Tom Kimmet (R)

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No Reply

Senate District 26



Fred A. Risser (D)

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1. Yes

2. Yes

3. Yes

4. Yes

5. Yes

6. Yes

7. I am running for re-election to the Wisconsin State Senate. My Senate colleagues have shown their trust and confidence in me by repeatedly selecting me to be their President. Some of my legislative concerns and priorities include: smoke-free workplaces, health care, protecting the environment, global warming, renewable energy, ethics and campaign finance reform, increased education financing, University of Wisconsin concerns, balanced land use, full protective rights for women, mass transit and alternative modes of transportation, social and economic justice for all, domestic partners, protecting rights of labor, death with dignity, and equitable tax policies.

Senate District 28

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No Reply

Senate District 30

Dave Hansen (D) (I)

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No Reply

Chad M. Fradette (R)

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No Reply

Senate District 32

Tara Johnson (D)

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No Reply

Dan Kapanke (R), (I)

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No Reply

Wisconsin Assembly

Assembly District 1

Dick Skare (D)

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1. Refused
2. Refused
3. Refused
4. Refused
5. Refused
6. Refused

7. My name is Dick Skare and I am asking for your vote in the Democratic Primary on Tuesday, September 9 in the 1st Assembly District that includes Door and Kewaunee counties and NE Brown County. All my life I have worked to bring people together to solve the problems they face. This is no time for ineffective, do-nothing, put-the-party-before-everything-else, business-as-usual politics. You deserve a legislator who will work for you, not for the special interests. As owner of the Cookery Restaurant, I have had to balance budgets for 30 years with no funny-money. As a Supervisor of the Town of Gibraltar for 9 years [word limit]

Christopher Baeb (D)

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No Reply

Garey Bies (R), (I)

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No Reply

Assembly District 2

Ted Zigmunt (D)

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1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. Yes
6. Yes
7. Improve the economic/financial condition of our state; restructure our tax system to create a more equitable distribution of property taxes; provide accessible, affordable health care and a quality public education and affordable college tuition for all adults and children of Wisconsin; and establish ethics and campaign finance reform, to put elective power back in the hands of the voters and not special interest groups. I am currently in the third term of being both a County Board Supervisor and Village President. I feel this experience qualifies me to address the above issues.



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1. Yes. Our Supreme Court has become a national embarrassment thanks to special interest money and sleazy attack ads. Our constitution and our legal system have been compromised by a process that puts the power in the hands of special interest groups whose focus is to weaken our judicial system for their political gain. We have justices who have violated their ethical obligation to protect the constitution and the legal system. I will fight for Public Financing for Supreme Court Races. Wisconsin has fallen behind other states because of politicians who fail to stand up against corruption.
2. Yes. Public Financing is working in Maine and Arizona. It has increased the number of competitive races, candidates, and voter turnout. It is voluntary and is constitutional. It is not a Democratic, Republican, or Independent issue. It is a democracy issue. The public overwhelmingly supports this issue. I will fight tooth and nail to pass this legislation if elected. State government should be about people and ideas. I will challenge and take on the politicians and special interest groups who have failed to stand up for citizens and for our democracy. My loyalty is with the people of Wisconsin.
3. Yes. I am tired of issue advocacy groups who "champion" for the first amendment, but then cower and hide when it comes to disclosing their names or where their funding comes from. The public has a right to know who is funding these ads. Individuals who make contributions to a candidate are subjected to disclosing their name, address and occupation. Those who fund "issue ads" should be subjected to the very same rules. Out of state money should be subjected and regulated under Wisconsin law. We need to have a level playing field.
4. Yes. I don't believe legislative and congressional boundaries should be made for political scheming purposes. We need to be careful when we consider putting anything into our State Constitution. If we just simply correct our flawed political system we could save ourselves a lot of time and money redrawing districts. Our redrawing policies should serve the common good, not political power trips.
5. Yes. No political party or elected official should have the sole authority to do this. An independent commission is essential to ensuring that the public trust is not compromised. I also believe the public should have some input on how the districts are to be drawn out.
6. Yes. I believe a 4 year period would be more appropriate. I think Campaign Finance Reform measures would negate some of the need for this measure. However, history has shown us that politicians accept campaign contributions and provide favors for wealthy lobby groups and later end up working for them after a year of leaving public office. If any politician objects to this type of legislation, I think it gives a very clear picture of where their priorities are. This further illustrates the dominance that lobbyists and special interest groups have in our political system.
7. Campaign Finance Reform, Closing Corporate Tax Loopholes and Health Care Reform. I'm not a career politician or somebody looking to climb up the political hierarchy. As a former sports broadcaster I used my voice to speak to the people. Now I am using my voice to speak for the people of my district because they want something different. They are hungry for change, and I'm ready to be a leader they can believe in and depend on. You don't need political experience or a fancy resume to do the right things. You need character and heart. I wouldn't be running if I didn't have those qualities.

Lee Brocher (D)

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1. Yes. Third party money should never influence judicial elections.
2. Yes. Campaign contributors should be held to the same standards as the candidates for which office they are seeking.
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. Yes. An independent commission that is far removed from the political process as possible would assure a fair group. Achieving this will prove difficult but not impossible.
6. Yes
7. Partisan bickering has virtually put state government at a stand still, this has resulted in our states forward motto to stagnate. Wisconsin intrests are and should never be for sale. Campaign finance reform should be a priority if we want to realize any improvement in our health care delivery system. With three candidates in the September 9th primary for the second district, the strongest candidate must succeed in order to oust a 14 year incumbent. I want to be that candidate, I've personally experienced govt. decisions affects on my and your family, my business, and while in local govt.

Frank Lasee (R), (I)

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No Reply

Assembly District 3

Justin Krueger (D)

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1. Yes. This nation was founded on principles of establishing a Government with equal opportunities to participate for all citizens. The playing field should be leveled.
2. Yes. Once again, this nation was founded on principles of establishing a Government with equal opportunities to participate for all citizens. The playing field should be leveled.
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. Yes
6. Yes
7. Improving quality of life for the next generation is a priority because I will bring children into this world in the near future. Ensuring opportunities are available for everyone will help with this. I was born and raised in my district. I am a village trustee for the village of Combined Locks. I was the youngest trustee in village history when I was appointed. My life's work this far has been in Human Services. I'm educated. I know the current condition of our communities, and I can utilize current resources to address issues with the speed of today's world.

Al Ott (R), (I)

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No Reply

Assembly District 4

Sam Dunlop (D)

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1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. Yes
6. Yes
7. Eliminate the influence of PACs and lobbyists in the state legislature. To help assure health care is affordable and accessible to all Wisconsin residents. To help ease the burden of rising energy costs by expanding our use of alternatives fuels and energies while improving efficiency.

Phil Montgomery (R), (I)

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No Reply

Assembly District 5

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1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. No
6. Yes
7. No Reply

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No Reply

Assembly District 6

John Powers (D)

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1. Yes. Wisconsin used to be a model of good government for other states to follow. Lately we have become a model for how not to govern. Special interests and the money they use to influence our elections and our legislation need to be tightly controlled.
2. Yes. Limit the money spent on campaigns. Bring to the public eye all sources of all contributions. Limit the influence of special interests groups. Limit the time allowed for campaigning. Then the voters can look at the candidates and their views and make their choices.
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. Yes. This should be a relatively simple task based on fact rather than politics.
6. Yes. This is a real problem at the federal level and is becoming more of a problem in Wisconsin lately.
7. The campaign reforms asked for by so many in Wisconsin simply call for honesty in government. Our legislators in Madison should have one task on their minds. How do we act as bipartisan as possible to enact laws which will make this a better state in which to live and raise our children. By doing so they not only help Wisconsin but become a model for the nation to do the same. I have experience in two of the areas we need work in - education and health care. I have no long term ties to special interest groups. I have a reputation for the honesty and decency we need in Madison.

Gary Tauchen (R), (I)

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No Reply

Assembly District 7

Corrine Wiesmueller (R)

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No Reply

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No Reply

Peggy Krusick (D), (I)

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No Reply

Assembly District 8



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1. Yes – I fully support bipartisan campaign finance reform legislation that would provide public funding for Supreme Court candidates. The current system of electing Supreme Court candidates has become overly partisan and needs reform. Our Justices need to be above politics so that their decisions are not made based upon political contributions.
2. Yes – I support a system of campaign finance reform that would reduce special interest money and set voluntary spending limits as a threshold for receiving public grants.
3. Yes – Issue ads have increasingly become a tool of special and partisan interests to influence the outcome of elections. It is only fair that the voters know where their funding comes from, so that they can make more informed decisions on elections.
4. Yes – Legislative redistricting has become extremely partisan over the years and is often used as a tool for one party to gain elector advantage over another. True fair redistricting must be done outside the realm of partisan politics.
5. Yes – I support an independent commission to handle redistricting.
6. Yes – A “cooling off” period makes sense.
7. As the representative of the 8th Assembly District for the past 9 years, my priorities remain the same. I have worked hard to provide good public education for Milwaukee Public Schools; worked collaboratively with the police department and the Milwaukee County District Attorney on strategies to make our neighborhoods more safe, pushed for an additional \$500,000 in the most recent state budget to help Milwaukee put more police officers on the streets and I have worked with Governor Doyle, as member of the budget-writing Joint Committee on Finance to push for expansion of the BadgerCare program so that more children and families get the health care they need.



Laura L. Manriquez (D)
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1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. Yes
6. Yes
7. 1. Affordable & accessible health care. - I have been a licensed nurse for over 13 years. I have seen the disparities among those with the highest need, with whom I have worked extensively in community based home health care and nursing facilities. 2. Training for jobs in a changing economy. - I have been a strong supporter of job training and placement through my work with non-profit/for profit organizations. 3. A future with quality education. - I have overseen /advocated for our community in challenging/holding others accountable and advocating for resources.

Jose Guzman (D)
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No Reply

Assembly District 9

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No Reply

Assembly District 10

Annette Polly Williams (D), (I)

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No Reply

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No Reply

Assembly District 11

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No Reply

Assembly District 12

Frederick P. Kessler (D), (I)

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1. Yes

2. Yes

3. Yes

4. Yes

5. It depends on how commission is composed and if a competitive election constitutional amendment is passed.

6. Yes

7. No Reply

Assembly District 13

David Cullen (D), (I)

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No Reply

Assembly District 14

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1. Yes

2. Yes

3. Yes

4. Yes

5. Yes

6. Yes

7. My three main issues are, in no particular order, jobs and the economy, healthcare reform and energy independence. By investing in growing green economy energy, we can create jobs. We can also create jobs by creating incentives for manufacturers to keep jobs here. Also, we have a growing medical technology sector that can support numerous jobs, as well as support staff. In healthcare reform, I support the Healthy Wisconsin Initiative that was passed by the State Senate last year and died in the Assembly. We need to increase other sources of energy and conservation in order to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, both foreign-sourced and domestic.

Leah Vukmir (R), (I)

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No Reply

Assembly District 15

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No Reply

Josh Hoisington (D)

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No Reply

David Nickel (R)

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No Reply

Assembly District 16

Andy Parker (D)

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No Reply



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1. Yes

2. Yes

3. No

4. Yes

5. Yes

6. No

7. I plan to protect the interest and growth and development of our children around the state, by implementing mandatory counseling prior to divorce, support AB 571 Shared-Parenting Bill to ensure that children have equal or as close to equal access to both parents as possible.; Business development, working to meet the minority participation goals.; Improve graduation rates of Wisconsin children by standardizing proven methods of success across public/ private and choice schools.; I have worked as a fatherhood advocate, community and economic development organizer, and Mayoral staff.

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No Reply

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No Reply

Assembly District 17

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No Reply

Samantha H. Bady (D)

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No Reply

Assembly District 18

Tamara D. Grigsby (D), (I)

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No Reply

Assembly District 19

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No Reply

Assembly District 20

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No Reply

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No Reply

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No Reply

Assembly District 21



Glen Brower (D)

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1. Yes. I totally support comprehensive campaign finance reform legislation to include 100% public financing of campaigns.
2. Yes. I subscribe to all the concerns expressed in this question. As indicated above, I am a strong advocate for finance reform to include: spending limits, full disclosure, prohibiting campaign fundraising during critical times and limiting out-of-state special interest money.
3. Yes. I am an advocate for full disclosure in all campaign operations so as to ensure compliance with all state and federal laws.
4. Yes. I would support and vote for competitive district boundaries.
5. Yes. I would favor and advance any statute to create a fairer and more equitable election process.
6. Yes. I would support an even longer time frame than a one-year "cooling off" period.
7. As a life-long civil servant (a retired U.S. Army officer and former state employee) I have had extensive experience with policy development and budgetary issues. I believe that too often money is corrupting the political process by affording special interests access that is not available to every citizen. Once the issue of money and its influence in politics is resolved other important concerns such as: providing affordable health care, fairer taxes, improving public education and protecting our environment and Great Lakes can then be more adequately addressed.

Mark Honadel (R), (I)

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No Reply

Assembly District 22

Sandy Pasch (D)

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1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Yes

5. Yes

6. Yes

7. I am running for the 22nd Assembly to fight for a healthier community, with quality health care and education, environmental stewardship, and financial accountability. Health and health care are priority issues for the State of Wisconsin – ones that directly affect the potential for economic growth as well as personal and educational achievements. Tackling these issues will not be easy, but as a nurse with over 30 years of experience, master's degrees in advanced practice nursing and bioethics, and extensive community leadership, I am uniquely qualified to address these concerns and contribute to effective resolution.

Andy Feldman (D)

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No Reply



Dan Kohl (D)

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1. Yes, I believe public financing of judicial elections is necessary to protect the integrity of our judicial system, and I believe that we should work towards a system in which all judicial candidates are publicly funded. As evidenced by the last two statewide Supreme Court contests, the current campaign laws allow outside interest groups to engage in negative campaigning, sling mud with impunity, and distract voters from the actual work done by Wisconsin's Supreme Court. I would support and vote for legislation to improve the process.

2. Yes, I strongly support efforts to lessen the influence that well-funded special interest groups have over Wisconsin's electoral process. Regarding some of these specific measures, I would like to know exactly what kind of additional tax obligation would be passed on to Wisconsin taxpayers. But I do favor meaningful and strong reform as we look to clean up campaigns and make government more transparent and honest. Additionally, I have made a decision to not accept PAC contributions during this campaign.

3. Yes, I would support and vote for legislation that requires full disclosure of "issue ad" sources and their full compliance with Wisconsin law. Recent elections, especially recent judicial elections, have proven the immediate need for such steps. People in Wisconsin need to know who's funding campaigns and running so-called "issue ads."

4. Yes, I would support and vote to create new redistricting guidelines, with an eye towards increasing the competitiveness of districts. We need more people running for public office, and I fear in many cases an individual may choose not to run simply because he or she lives in a district that tilts too heavily in a certain partisan direction or protects an incumbent. I would, however, also want to make sure that new boundaries take existing political and municipal boundaries into account, and that districts are kept compact and contiguous.

5. Yes, I would support and vote for legislation that improves our current redistricting process, and the establishment of an independent authority is a necessary step towards that goal

6. Yes, I would support and vote for such legislation. Wisconsin has a proud history of open and honest government and steps like these help continue that tradition. As a legislator, I will be independent, vote my convictions, and never beholden to anyone other than my constituents

7. I have spent my career working both in business and the nonprofit sector, and understand the challenges of modernizing our economy and creating more family-sustainable jobs in Greater Milwaukee. I currently hold a top position with a nonprofit working to develop solutions to some of Milwaukee's biggest educational challenges. Building upon my background, experience and civic involvement, I am seeking this office to help strengthen our state. In the legislature I will be a reliable and devoted champion for high-quality education, accessible and affordable health care for every citizen of Wisconsin, environmental stewardship, fiscal responsibility, and economic growth.



Guy Johnson (D)

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1. Yes

2. Yes

3. Yes

4. Yes

5. Yes

6. Yes

7. With over 10 years of local elected office experience, as Trustee and current President of the Shorewood Village Board, I recognize the value of non-partisan issue-oriented decision making. If elected, my constituents can be assured that I will tackle the big issue of Wisconsin's structural deficit hole in a professional bipartisan manner. I'm the only candidate with a voting record in public office – supporting issues such as our local shoreland ordinance, a comprehensive smoking ban, tax incremental financing district (TIF) proposals supporting economic development in our business district, and creative municipal financial support for our public schools.

Yash P. Wadhwa (R)

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No Reply

Assembly District 23

Rene Settle-Robinson (D)

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No Reply

Jim Ott (R), (I)

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No Reply

Assembly District 24



Charlene S. Brady (D)

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1. Yes, if there is funding available. There would also need to be a limit on matching funds.

2. Yes

3. Yes

4. Not sure

5. Yes

6. Not sure

7. End the partisan bickering so Wisconsin can move forward to strengthen the economy through improved education and government efficiency. I have raised a family while representing my community in the non-partisan positions of Village Trustee and County Supervisor. The vast experience that I have on a variety of boards and committees has allowed me to know how much I don't know. I must still listen and learn before making a decision.

Torrey Lauer (D)

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No Reply



Michael James Moscicke (R)

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1. No. In an age where candidates and special interest groups are spending more and more on extremely tailored messages, voluntary state subsidized campaign finance reform is not the answer. New reforms need to focus on making outside groups as accountable as candidates, with the same fundraising restrictions and disclosure rules. Additionally, in this age of information, we need to concentrate on making such disclosures as accessible to the public as possible.

2. No. I agree with legislation that would require increased disclosure and regulation of issue advocacy groups, the prohibition of fundraising during the state budget process, and the ban of contributions by anyone bidding for a state contract. Additionally I support increases in fines for breaking campaign finance laws and any other reform that makes the election process more

transparent and readily accessible to the public.

3. Yes. It is simply common sense to hold all groups accountable to the same rules and regulations that apply to candidates if they chose to participate in the electoral process.

4. No. In some cases creating such competitive districts would be a near impossibility given already standing practices of placing a priority on taking into consideration population, geography and race. Placing the focus on political parties also makes the assumption that voters are not capable of making information intelligent decisions regardless of the makeup of their district. Reforms to redistricting should focus on making the process less partisan and not on the party membership of citizens.

5. Yes. The creation of such a group could free up the legislature to work on real legislation instead of such partisan issues. Additionally a truly independent group could allow for districts created with the equal representation in mind, as opposed to incumbent electability.

6. Yes. It has been extremely disturbing for me to repeatedly see elected officials "cash in" on their public service by becoming high paid lobbyists after they leave office. A cooling off period protects current elected officials from conflicts of interest and provides retiring officials the incentive to continue their service to the public but in other forms.

7. Tax reform that stops balancing the state budget by imposing higher fees, which are a regressive tax. Education reform that lowers tuition at public institutions and makes them accessible to everyone in Wisconsin. Health care reform that provides incentives for insurance companies to provide affordable health care to everyone in Wisconsin. I worked at the state capitol for nearly 3 years making bipartisan connections. I worked at the Department of Health Services, giving me first hand knowledge of Wisconsin's health care issues. I served on the UW-Colleges Faculty Senate, providing me with hands on experience in education reform.

Randall Ryan Melchert (R)

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No Reply

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No Reply

Assembly District 25

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No Reply

Assembly District 26

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1. No

2. No

3. Yes

4. No

5. Who chooses the independent commission?

6. No

7. 1) Tax index/freeze for seniors (65+) ; 2) Cut/suspend gas tax and Minimum Markup Law ; 3) Reform healthcare; 4) Pro-family legislation reform

Alex Pieper (R)

152 Grafton Court, Kohler, WI 53044

1. No

2. No

3. No

4. No
5. No
6. No
7. Reduce taxes, work to grow business, CCW reform

Assembly District 27

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1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. Yes
6. Yes
7. I do not have a personal agenda of must have legislation, but if elected I would rather talk with the voters and be a true representative.

Assembly District 28

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No Reply

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No Reply

Assembly District 29

John Murtha (R), (I)

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No Reply

Craig Mohn (L)

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1. No, I want no exceptions to spending limits.
2. No, I support total public finance only.
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. Yes
6. Yes
7. I want to eliminate money influence in elections. Stop the elimination of people's rights.

L. John Peters (D)

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1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. Yes
6. Yes
7. In the past year as a volunteer tax preparer, I have seen what our property taxes are doing to the elderly and low income. I propose as my first priority to reduce property taxes by finding a different way to pay for schools and the technical colleges and

thus reduce property taxes by approximately 2 thirds. The next item on my agenda would be to implement an accurate budgeting system for all state agencies and oversight by a joint legislative committee. Having worked for the state for 29 years, I have a great deal of experience with the budget process.

Chris Buckel (D)

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No Reply

Assembly District 30

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1. Yes

2. Yes

3. Yes

4. Yes

5. Yes

6. Yes

7. I am firmly committed to prioritizing ethical, fair, and just government. I intend to work for wise and compassionate policies and for the protection of civil liberties. I commit myself to making a sacrificial effort so that others may better share in the Wisconsin and American dreams. I will pledge to remember that our enemies are not other people, but rather prejudice, injustice, exploitation, and the policies that support such activities. My professional life has been directed toward advocating for the elderly, the poor, the workers, and the common citizens.

Bob Hughes (R)

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1. Yes

2. Yes

3. Yes

4. I understand the importance of this question but I do not know enough about the process to make a decision about this subject at this time. I would like to see gerrymandering eliminated.

5. Yes

6. Yes

7. My campaign in particular is a grass roots effort in which I am not accepting any money from PACs and no more than a 100 dollars from any one individual. The most effective campaigns are ones in which the candidate knocks on doors. Therefore I see no need to have all this money private or public invested in a campaign. I think there needs to be more ordinary people in office that are looking out for the interests of ordinary people. I am an ordinary person and I am leading campaign finance reform by example.

Kitty Rhoades (R), (I)

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No reply

Assembly District 31



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1. Yes

2. Yes

3. Yes

4. Yes

5. Yes

6. Yes

7. As a candidate for the 31st Assembly District, my main issues are affordable health care for everyone, to enhance public education and our universities, and to protect the environment. Affordable health care will come from the grass roots promoting a one payer system at the state level; the public educational system will be enhanced by repealing QEO and Revenue Caps; our universities will be strengthened in this global economy and alternate funding must be found to pay for our schools; addressing global warming along with clean water and air must be a priority; we can do it.

Steve Nass (R), (I)

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No Reply

Assembly District 32



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1. Yes. The last two elections have shown the highly political nature to get elected to the State Supreme Court. It is a situation that needs to be changed. These positions should be free from lobbies determining the outcome through inaccurate and untrue claims. The recent Court decision regarding the loss of 300 million dollars to the state in a case backed by WMC who supported the justice who cast the deciding vote in a 4-3 decision should give further impetus to change the financing.

2. Yes. I choose not to accept public money or PAC money for my campaign. I would accept public financing if there were changes made to the present campaign finance regulations.

3. Yes. Disclosure would create a completely different environment and end much of the negativity associated with "issue ads".

4. Yes. Boundaries should create competitive elections. The incumbent already has an advantage in elections, the boundaries should allow at least a competitive opportunity for the challenger.

5. Yes. Amen!!!

6. Yes. I would support an even longer period of time before this could occur. People convicted of a felony have served their time and I believe that if they have met all court requirements during their imprisonment and/or probation they should be treated the same as any other citizen.

7. My priorities would be health care access, public education, Smart Growth legislation implementation, living wages not "minimum" wages for employees, tougher drunk driver legislation, campaign finance reform and protecting the family based farmers. I have 40 years of teaching and coaching experience at the high school level, 20 years of small business background and earlier in my life I was involved in agriculture.

Thomas A. Lothian (R), (I)

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No Reply

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1. Yes

2. Yes

3. Yes

4. Yes

5. Yes

6. Yes

7. I am a common working man who has worked as a farm hand, factory worker, electrician, cook, taxi driver, auto mechanic, alarm installer, writer and photographer, shop keeper, etc. I feel the founding fathers intended the government to be of the people. My priorities are: 1) A basic level of health care and insurance for Wisconsin residents with an emphasis on promotion of good health. 2) Tax credits for the installation and use of alternative energy and common sense conservation. 3) Political honesty and photo IDs required to vote in Wisconsin. 4) Protection of our water, air, and natural resources.

Assembly District 33

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No Reply

Assembly District 34

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No Reply

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No Reply

Assembly District 35

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No Reply

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Assembly District 36

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1. Yes

2. Yes

3. Yes

4. Yes

5. Yes

6. Yes

7. My top priorities will be: 1) Campaign finance reform and special interest disclosures. 2) Restructure and reform rural school aid formula. 3) Affordable and accessible health care for all Wisconsin citizens. 4) Reduce partisanship and encourage greater citizen engagement at all levels of government. 5) Encourage and support policies to preserve, protect and sustainably develop rural communities, forest land, and farmland.

Jeffrey L. Mursau (R), (I)

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No Reply

Assembly District 37

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No Reply

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No Reply

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Assembly District 38

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Assembly District 39

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Assembly District 40

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1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. No, sounds like gerrymandering to me. Districts should be compact and minimize dividing of communities, ie. Apolitical!
5. Yes
6. Yes, it would be better to get the incentives for doing so out of the system. This is limiting freedoms, after all.
7. 1) Universal Health Care 2) Fair Taxes (close loopholes for business and the wealthy) and reduce burden on lower and middle incomes. 3) Push renewable energy – focus on best technologies and helping homeowners be more independent. 4) Get the money out of politics. 5) Support Equal Opportunity (funding) in education.

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Assembly District 41



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1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. Yes
6. Yes
7. Three of my top priorities are to make sure that each and every Wisconsinite has access to affordable healthcare. I want to address the state of education in Wisconsin. I'll do my best to ensure that our best educators remain where they are needed most, in our schools teaching our children, and to provide them with the tools necessary to offer our children the best possible education.

I believe that education is one of the solutions to better jobs and better opportunities. I'd also like to see an end to job loss in Wisconsin and find ways to entice prospective employers to Wisconsin.

Joan A. Ballweg (R), (I)

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No Reply

Assembly District 42

Fred Clark (D)

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1. Yes. Our most recent Supreme Court race was offensive to every citizen in this state, and an embarrassment to the legal profession. We badly need to prevent special interests from buying our most important elections.
2. Yes. Thank you for offering this detailed proposal - it has my full support.
3. Yes
4. Yes. I like this concept, but I remain unclear how such a requirement would affect large areas that are solidly and inherently Rep. or Dem. leaning.
5. Yes
6. Yes
7. Our legislature must: Ensure universal access to affordable health care; reform our school funding system; create meaningful electoral reform; make our tax system more fair, protect our environment and working lands; and lead the transition to a new economy based on energy conservation, renewable domestic energy, and sustainable agriculture.

J.A. Hines (R), (I)

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No Reply

Assembly District 43

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1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. Yes
6. Yes
7. Protecting middle class families and retirees is the priority for my second term. I will work to improve our economy through keeping and attracting family-supporting jobs. We must maintain and improve our infrastructure, streamline our incentive process for business, maintain our strong worker training programs and protect our public schools. We need to make sure working families and retirees can afford healthcare and property taxes, and that all Wisconsin's children have access to high quality public education and affordable higher education.

Debi Towns (R)

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No Reply

Assembly District 44

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No Reply

Assembly District 45



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1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. Yes
6. Yes

7. As a retired physician, my first priority in the legislature is meaningful health care reform. I believe a single-payer universal health care plan such as the Wisconsin Health Security Act (AB 94), which I coauthored, would be the best solution. Energy issues have become my second priority over the past term. I served on the Legislative Council's Special Committee on Nuclear Power, and that stimulated my interest, and educated me on the need for, and alternatives available to develop a renewable, sustainable, and clean energy future, which could serve to greatly enhance Wisconsin's economy while preserving our environment.

Mike Hahn (R)

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No Reply

Assembly District 46



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1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. Yes
6. Yes

7. It has been an honor to serve the residents of the 46th District for the last four years. I look forward to working on the issues of education (primary, secondary and college level), the environment, affordable health care, fair taxation, quality job market, and improving Wisconsin's economy.

Kathy Maves (R)

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No Reply

Spencer Zimmerman (R)

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No Reply

Assembly District 47

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1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes

4. Yes
5. Yes
6. Yes

7. Legislative Priorities are tax fairness, affordable accessible healthcare and environmental protection. Qualifications Lodi City Council 1.5 Years Lodi Mayor 12 years. League of Wisconsin Municipalities Board of Directors worked with other municipal electric communities on energy issues locally at the state and national levels. considerable work on storm water issues, energy conservation, renewable energy, maintenance of local control and decision making opposed TABOR

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1. Yes. This would be an essential piece of legislation to ensure the integrity of our judicial system.
2. Yes. Campaign finance reform is at the heart of all other legislative issues. A government "for the people" can't be financed by special interests.
3. Yes. This should be a legislative priority.
4. Yes
5. Yes. Redistricting should not be the purview of political parties.
6. Yes
7. Access to our quality healthcare system by more than 350,000 of Wisconsin's citizens would be my first priority as a legislator. As a Registered Nurse I have spent nearly 20yrs at the bedside, in the community and as a clinic administrator in the healthcare field. I understand the system from the inside out and would be a valuable voice in the legislature to create a solution to this pressing issue. Public school funding reform is crucial in preserving Wisconsin's K-12 schools. Having served as school board president gives me the necessary insight to help tackle this challenging issue.

Erich Ruth (R)

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No Reply

Keith Ripp (R)

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No Reply



Steven Pate (R)

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1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. Yes
6. Yes

7. Wisconsin needs an environment that encourages companies to locate here to create jobs. Jobs fuel everything. Other priorities are energy, health care, and education. Wisconsin's energy plan needs to be balanced between all sources of energy. We need affordable and available health care for everyone. Education needs to be funded in a way that provides the necessary resources while controlling costs. I have served on the Portage school board for 23 years and the CESA5 board for 16 years. I worked for Verizon for 36 years where I was responsible for multimillion dollar engineering budgets.

Tim McCumber (R)

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No Reply



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1. Yes, I support and would vote for full bipartisan campaign finance reform, following the substance and concept as stated in question one.
2. Yes, I support and would vote for bipartisan, comprehensive campaign finance reform as you stated in the second question. Also, Yes I support the additional caveats of question 2.
3. Yes, I support legislation requiring disclosure of sources for issue ads and require funds for issue ads comply with Wisconsin contribution limits. I would research 2007 Senate Bill 463 to make sure it would legislate in its intended purpose and design.
4. Yes, I might support legislative measures that would define electoral competitiveness to create legal or constitutional standards as long as the created standards are truly fair and not a tool to be used to some advantage by one or a few against the many.
5. Yes, I support an independent commission to propose a potential redrawing of boundaries for both congressional and legislative districts as long as it is accountable to the voters and not skewed to a perceived political agenda.
6. Yes, by all means I support a cooling off period of former legislators, top legislative aides and key executive branch officials prior to them becoming lobbyists and also prohibiting persons convicted of felonies and misdemeanors while in public service from ever becoming lobbyists or any other special interest advocate. I suggest a 10 year cooling off period as well.
7. My priorities while in office are campaign finance reform, affordable health care such as Healthy Wisconsin, renewable energy incorporation into society with a resulting influx of jobs to support the renewable energy industry, and instilling a pride in Wisconsin by the residents of Wisconsin and by large industry to feel a pride in being in Wisconsin instead of leaving Wisconsin. My qualifications for becoming a public servant are that I am a lifelong resident of Wisconsin and I care. On the last ballot I thought we need more choice so I am in this race for the Representative to The Assembly seat for the 47th District.

Assembly District 48

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 No Reply

Assembly District 49

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 No Reply

Dennis Lundell (R)
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 No Reply

Travis Tranel (R)
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 No Reply

David E. Kuhle (R)
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 No Reply

Assembly District 50

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1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. Yes
6. Yes

7. As a legislator my priorities will be quite clear. For the survival of this state, it is essential that the Wisconsin Legislature stop playing the partisan games that have plagued previous sessions. We must come together as Democrats and Republicans to make elections fair and address the skyrocketing costs of healthcare, food, fuel, and education. As a former legislative aide, I have the knowledge and experience to ensure these priorities become reality. I will roll up my sleeves and fight to ensure the people of the 50th Assembly District receive the representation that they deserve.

Tom Crofton (D)

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1. Yes, and I would go much further. I support 100% mandatory public campaign financing for all statewide candidates. I also support legislation making third party ad funders liable for strict punishment for attacks on candidates. A mechanism needs to be created to draw a line between issues and people. Free speech and propaganda are different.
2. Yes to all and refer to above. I believe in the power of a citizen/legislature to create a government of the people. Our current system is a government of the special interests, by the special interests, for the special interests.
3. Yes.
4. Yes. I also favor aligning the districts with county boundaries as much as possible. We currently have 4 counties overlapped by my district, and my county has 4 districts overlapping it. The extra expense and difficulty of travelling a long skinny district is detrimental to good representation for the citizens.
5. Yes
6. Yes, and would happily make it 5 years.
7. Healthy WI Initiative implemented and amended to include vision and dental; Financing of operating budget of schools transferred to general fund, and property tax reduced by that amount statewide; The progressive income tax restructured to become progressive again. Tax loopholes and exemptions tightened for corporations. Re-evaluate TIF districts and other give-a-ways to ensure the public gains from them.; Create a series of pilot projects demonstrating green energy/sustainable economic development to lead the way into a future of prosperity and energy self reliance.; I have written in detail on my motivation, and on the issues, on my website www.tomcroftonforassembly.com.

Anthony Carver (R)

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No Reply

Ed Brooks (R)

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No Reply



Craig Buswell (R)

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1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Unsure
5. Yes
6. Yes
7. I have served in an elected local government capacity on and off for 30 years. As a village trustee I have much experience in decision making. I am a good communicator and ask many questions. I feel I can decide any issue on its merits with fairness, thoughtfulness and integrity, as well as or better than any other candidate. One idea I have always espoused is term limits. Term limits could keep the assembly fresh every 2 or 3 terms. Another issue is ending un-funded mandates. Lastly I have a strong tendency to do things in a nonpartisan manner.

Todd R. Allbaugh (R)

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No Reply

Assembly District 51

Steve Hilgenberg (D), (I)

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No Reply

Nathan R. Russell (R)

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No Reply

Assembly District 52

Jerry Keifenheim (D)

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No Reply

Scott Matthew (R)

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No Reply

John Townsend (R), (I)

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No Reply

Assembly District 53

Jeff Mann (D)

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1. Yes

2. Yes

3. Yes

4. No

5. Yes

6. No

7. My main goals are to maintain regular contact with my constituents by holding monthly/bi-monthly office hours in each of my district's municipalities. As a lawyer, I understand the importance of maintaining regular contact with my clients, and I believe that public servants should be held to that same standard. Another goal is to reform WI's "John Doe Laws" such that corrections officers will no longer have to worry about being the subjects of baseless suits brought by inmates. As the husband of a former corrections officer(who's now a police officer), I understand the stress they're under.

Mike Christianson (R)

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No Reply



Richard J. Spanbauer (R)

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1. Yes

2. Yes

3. Yes

4. Yes

5. Yes

6. Undecided. If you are a felon, that person should not be a lobbyist, this I would vote to prohibit. It's the one year and what constitutes a misdemeanor I'm undecided about.

7. No Reply

Mike Hatch (R)

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No Reply

Jacob Burns (R)

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No Reply



Cecil Streeter (R)

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1. No
2. No. This “question” is really about 15 separate issues. I can’t begin to answer with just one yes or no, so the answer is no.
3. Yes
4. No
5. Yes. Depending on the definition of “independent”
6. No. Again you ask two separate questions....
7. I am a practical, creative problem solver. I am committed to help eradicate the structural deficit and make Wisconsin more “tax competitive” in the national and world marketplace. I will work for system efficiency through congruence. I will seek to cut back on the proliferation of the state and the controller and provider “big brother.” I will seek to empower bright young people to stay rather than leave the state.

Assembly District 54



Gordon Hintz (D), (I)

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1. Yes. I was the lead sponsor of this bill during the past legislative session.
2. Yes. I was a sponsor of similar legislation this year.
3. Yes. I was a sponsor and advocate for such legislation this past session.
4. Yes
5. Yes. This is very important.
6. Yes
7. I am committed to economic development, funding for the UW System, and better support for cities like Oshkosh who need state support for infrastructure and service investment. I will work for better long-term budgets and planning that address the revenue and spending challenges Wisconsin faces. I have been outspoken on the need for balanced budgets, campaign finance reform, and investments in our human capital through a quality education system Pre-K through college and beyond. I believe we can achieve bipartisan solutions to many problems if we are being honest about the goals.



Mark Reiff (R)

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1. NO. The public should never be forced to support the campaign of any candidate or platform that they disagree with, for any reason. Attacks on free speech by those trumpeting an illusory equality of access must be ended.
2. PARTIALLY. See above. I would support disclosure of organizations involved in issues advocacy and bans on collections during budget debates

3. NO. As all citizens the USA constitute special interest groups of one, and choose to voluntarily group together to influence election outcomes, I believe limiting the voice of any group of citizens is immoral and unconstitutional.
4. POSSIBLY. I think that the process of gerrymandering districts has never been a positive step for our state or nation. I think using a system of maximizing equality of population and area might be in order.
5. YES. Though I would like to see the qualifications on "independent" before I signed off. For instance, the fact that Common Cause was founded by a man who worked for one of the most liberal presidents in history, assisted in massive government expansion, and claims to be non-partisan leaves me with certain questions regarding independent status.
6. YES.
7. My priorities would be returning Wisconsin to a balanced budget, attempting to control rising health care costs through free market options, developing energy independence, and diversifying Wisconsin's economy. My qualifications as someone who cuts through Bravo Sierra to the heart of issues, and doesn't really worry about the popularity of his positions should be abundantly clear to anyone who has read my above comments.

Assembly District 55

Mark Westphal (D)

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1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. Yes
6. Yes

7. Wisconsin is not the "Tax Hell" that many claim it to be. Based on total state revenues, Corporate income and property taxes in Wisconsin have actually decreased. Over the last 30 years, this has caused a shift of the tax burden onto low and moderate wage workers and homeowners. We need a tax system that closes loopholes, ends tax secrecy and provides equitable taxes for all. I would support SB 367, the Corporate tax disclosure bill. Our state desperately needs to enact campaign finance reform. Special interest groups influence state government through the money they can inject into the process. [word limit]

Dean R. Kaufert (R), (I)

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1. Yes, I Supported publicly this time
2. Yes, I am the Assembly Sponsor of Sen. Ellis Legislation
3. Yes, I am a Co-Sponsor
4. Probably a yes, need to see language and research more
5. Yes
6. Yes

7. Top priorities: creating and retaining good paying jobs, reducing the tax burden on Wisconsin families, controlling government spending, and working to make health care more affordable and accessible. I know the difficulties people are facing because I share them. As a small business owner, I know what it takes to balance budgets and create jobs. I pay health insurance costs for my employees and know how important it is to get these costs under control. I will bring common sense solutions and an independent voice that we need to get our state back on the right track.

Assembly District 56

Susan Garcia Franz (D)

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No Reply

Roger Roth (R), (I)

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Refused

Assembly District 57



Penny Bernard Schaber (D)

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1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. Yes
6. Yes

7. Priorities for my term in office include: reform focused on the: budget, taxes, school funding formula, affordable health care, campaign finance, redistricting, coordinating environmental & economic concerns to improve environmental protection & economic sustainability. As a physical therapist, community and environmental activist for 25 plus years, my qualifications include organizational skills, energy, enthusiasm, ability to cooperate and to get the work done. Experience includes chairperson for the Sierra Club in Wisconsin & the Fox Valley, Peace Corps Volunteer, & 2006 Candidate AD 57.

Peter Sueck (R)

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No Reply



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1. Yes, would consider bill allowing for public financing of State Supreme Court race, depending on the specifics.
2. Yes, support bipartisan campaign finance reform to reduce special interest influence and campaign costs.
3. Yes, support disclosure of who is paying for "issue ads," depending on specifics.
4. Yes, support state legislative district boundaries drawn according to constitutional requirements.
5. Yes, support independent commission to draw boundaries according to standards set forth in the state and federal constitutions.
6. Yes, support one-year "cooling off" period before former state legislators can become lobbyists.
7. I will promote business and high quality job growth in Wisconsin.; I will work to make health care more affordable.; I will make the tough spending decisions and work to keep our state from sinking deeper into debt.; I will protect family values. ; I fought for Appleton's taxpayers for 10 years as a City of Appleton alderperson, 1993 to 2003.; As the owner-operator or FoxPolitics.net, I work to stay well-informed about state and local policy and politics.; I've been a long time community and church volunteer, currently serving on the boards of Habitat for Humanity and United Sports Association for Youth.; Undergraduate degree in Nutrition; MBA in Finance

Assembly District 58

Pat Strachota (R), (I)

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No Reply

Greg Dombro (IND)

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1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. Yes
6. Yes

7. Big money partisan politics, campaign reform, civil rights, environment, energy crisis, fossil fuels and health care says it all in a sentence. My concerns are yours. How we have survived the last eight years without world chaos thanks to our inept leadership a clue I have not. My campaign will be funded in its entirety by myself. As an independent I found out early that in order to receive matching funds I would have to receive 6% of the vote in the primary. A primary with a ballot system that does not allow cross voting. In a State that only recognizes 2 parties. Doesn't seem quite fair does it? [word limit]

Assembly District 59

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1. No, but I do support the merit system. See my website.
2. In regard to the five separate bullets... No on the question of supplemental public grants; Yes to prohibiting fundraising during the state budget process; Yes to eliminating leadership-controlled legislative campaign committees; No to limiting out of state special interest money; No to the "Superpacs" question.
3. Yes
4. No
5. Yes
6. Yes
7. No Reply

Assembly District 60



Perry Duman (D)

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1. Yes. I favor public financing of ALL campaigns.
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. Yes
6. Yes
7. We must have a comprehensive, universal health care system in Wisconsin. We must fully fund the entire public education system. We must sustain our existing economic base while encouraging "green" and high-tech industries. We must reform the tax structure to ensure economic parity for the poor and middle-class and close the loop holes that allow corporations to pay no taxes. We must move toward a sustainable Wisconsin while reducing greenhouse emissions and other pollution. We must have public financing of all elections.

Mark Gottlieb (R), (I)

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No Reply

Assembly District 61

Robert Turner (D), (I)

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1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. Yes

6. Yes

7. After serving as an elected official for the past 32 years I have a record of my position on all issue, which should be a indication of any future position on issues which will come before me.

George Meyers (L)

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No Reply

Assembly District 62

Cory Mason (D), (I)

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1. Yes. The last few Supreme Court races have been an embarrassment to our democracy. We rely on our judiciary to be impartial and free from political influence when adjudicating disputes in the law. The level of special interest money spent on these races erodes the public trust and confidence in our legal system and gives the appearance that the outcome of the law can be purchased through an election. I am willing to explore full public financing of these campaigns and other options to restore the independence of the judiciary.

2. Yes. These are ideas that deserve our consideration and attention as races get more and more expensive. It is getting harder and harder to recruit people to run for office. The reason I hear most often is that it costs too much money.

3. Yes. The nine Democratic freshmen all faced tough fake "issue ads" in our 2006 elections. We jointly introduced AB272 to accomplish the same thing the SB463 tries to accomplish. I will continue fighting for this change.

4. Yes. I think it is a shame that so few seats are deemed competitive. It makes those races more expensive and makes representatives in "safe seats" more extreme in their partisanship. I do think that any such proposal MUST comply with the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

5. Yes, although I think it may take a Constitutional Amendment to accomplish this.

6. Yes. This seems to be a reasonable proposal.

7. I am deeply honored to have had the opportunity to represent the people of the 62nd Assembly District and the Racine Community. I am proud to have had a hand in bringing infant mortality prevention dollars to Racine and passage of the Great Lakes Compact. But there is still much to accomplish in the way of improving education, bringing family supporting jobs to Wisconsin, and reducing the cost of health care. I have learned a lot in my first term in office and believe that if in the majority in the next session many of these goals could be accomplished. Please vote for me on November 4th.

Keith R. Deschler (L)

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1. No, oppose government funded campaigns-should be voluntary, from supporters

2. No, oppose limits on campaign contributions. limits free speech. People should be able to contribute whatever they wish to a candidate.

3. No, Favor the "full disclosure" opart, but not the spending /donation limits.

4. Yes, need more competitive seats, especially for third parties.

5. Yes, should have representatives from third parties and independents on the committee-not just to make "safe seats" for the major parties.

6. Yes, worth a try-perhaps less "crooked" lobbyists getting rich off the taxpayers. May want to lengthen time span (2-5 years) for cooling off period.

7. Priorities:#1-reduce state spending to balance the budget, without raising taxes. #2-statewide school choice vouchers.#3-fully tax deductible health savings accounts. #4-concealed carry of firearms. Qualifications-#1-consistent libertarian philosophy-less government, more freedom. #2-hard-working, conscientious, caring person. #3-not a professional politician-no ties to special interests

District 63



Linda Flashinski (D)

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1. Yes

2. Yes

3. Yes
4. Yes
5. Yes
6. Yes

7. I am a strong advocate for health care that is affordable and available to all. We must also work hard for sound economic policies for the middle class in these times of increased prices, high medical and insurance costs, and flat salaries. Environmental efforts are necessary protect our lakes, land, and water. We must work for equitable and fair taxation. Public education has also been a very important cause in my life and I believe that the government must look for funding reform that supports public schools for the future of our children.

Robin J. Vos (R), (I)

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No Reply

Assembly District 64

Michael J. Orth (D)

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No Reply

Jim Huff (D)

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No Reply

Peter W. Barca (D)

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No Reply

Assembly District 65

John P. Steinbrink (D), (I)

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1-6. Refused

7. I believe in and have always supported Ethics Reform. I have taken many votes on the issue and I believe my record supports my efforts toward this priority.

Alex Tiahnybok (R)

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No Reply

Assembly District 66

Mike Orr (D)

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1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. Yes
6. Yes

7. The number one item is to get an affordable healthcare plan. One that covers all people in the state of Wisconsin. As an individual who's family has been devastated due to no health care I can be the voice of many in this area.



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1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. Yes
6. Yes. I believe one year is not enough to prevent one from becoming a lobbyist. How about never?
7. My priorities are: 1. Wisconsin citizens need universal affordable coverage, such as that provided by the Healthy Wisconsin bill. 2. Requiring combined income reporting for corporations which avoid paying income tax through the "Las Vegas loophole." 3. Eliminate the QEO and revenue caps imposed on teachers & school districts. I'll see that school districts are fully funded from the state. 4. Campaign finance reform. For our legislators to be responsive to their constituents, the influence of money from large corporations to the politician must be eliminated.

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 No Reply

Assembly District 67

Jeff Wood (IND), (I)
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 No Reply

Assembly District 68

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 No Reply

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 No Reply

Assembly District 69

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 No Reply

Scott Suder (R), (I)
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 No Reply

Assembly District 70

Amy Sue Vruwink (D), (I)
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 No Reply

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1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes

4. Yes
5. Yes
6. Yes

7. Jobs! Keeping the companies/corporations in Wisconsin by expanding the current "buy local" promotions using innovative ideas. I embrace the "User/Abuser Principle" in areas applicable to finance Towns/County budgets that would otherwise be cut or taxes increased to maintain operations. Having been a Town Supervisor for 6 years, I know how critical areas can be cut by lack of state funding thereby compromising existing investments. I also support term limitations.

Assembly District 71

Louis John Molepske, Jr. (D), (I)

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1. Yes. I believe that Judicial independence is critical if we are to have confidence in our Judicial system. A candidate for the Supreme Court must not be tied to political donors or have the perception that he or she has some biases related to those that helped them win office, i.e. third party has little control over and may be asked to rule in a case directly tied to that entity. We only have to look at the last two Supreme Court elections to see what happens when unregulated groups get involved.
2. Yes. I would need to see that complete bill and all amendments to fully support. I also have some questions on the rationale for limiting Legislative leadership campaign committees (is this constitutional?). I will support the initiative to get the public more involved in their government and to disclose who funds legislative and judicial elections.
3. Yes. I would need to read the entire bill and all amendments to fully support the actual introduced legislation.
4. Yes. I would have to review the legislation and all amendments to fully support the bill.
5. Yes. I would have to read the bill and all amendments before I could fully support the bill.
6. Yes. I would have to read the bill and all amendments before I could fully support the bill.
7. As a former prosecutor and assistant to a Mayor, I have been exposed to the inner workings of county, local and state government. I have used my education from UW-Madison and Marquette University Law School to fully take into consideration the legal and practical realities of legislation on people's lives. I believe my successful experience at the local level and in the Assembly for the past terms will again be the deciding factor in bringing kitchen table issues like energy independence, job creation, responsible taxation and a sound educational system to bear in Madison. Thank you!

Daron L. Jensen (R)

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No Reply

Assembly District 72

Marlin D. Schneider (D), (I)

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1. Yes. Absolutely. Our Supreme Court has been tainted beyond belief by those special interests who have virtually bought it. The recent Menasha decision is more evidence of the influence of money now infiltrating the court and the Gableman election was the nastiest ever. It is a shame the Supreme Court has come to this.
2. Yes. I would go one step further, however, and ban all fund-raising from the end of the year in which the election is held until a person takes out nomination papers for the next election cycle.
3. Yes
4. and 5. Electoral competitiveness is difficult to define so until you have a definition I would say no. However, I believe that what the legislature should do is not have some "non"-partisan commission but to agree in advance as to the criteria to be inputted into the computer for drawing the lines such as population, racial mix, newspaper circulation areas, school district and local boundaries, etc. and then let the computer draw the lines and that's it. Period. Reapportionment is the biggest dog eat dog thing the legislature does. A group of "non" partisans does not exist. Judges are not "non-partisan" as is evidenced by our Supreme Court, the Government Accountability Board members are not "non-partisan" and at the end of the day I believe most independents have partisan leanings whether they admit it or not.
6. While I have no personal interest in ever becoming a lobbyist (it is difficult enough working with these people as a colleague) I do not believe that anybody should be prohibited from exercising their rights to employment after having lost an election or left an administration. Those convicted of crimes are a different matter and that should be curtailed for some time but I do not think that denying people employment is a desirable public policy goal.
7. My goals are to continue to work on issue of privacy in the information age, protecting Wisconsin's schools, maintaining a healthy business climate, protecting the rights of workers, keeping our senior citizens' programs vibrant and healthy, fighting for our veterans, and improving environmental quality. I have served longer in the State Assembly than anyone in Wisconsin history and am most appreciative of the trust my constituents have placed in me to represent them and help take care of their problems. I believe that most of them appreciate that I have dedicated my life to public service even many of those who might disagree with

my positions on some issues.

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Refused

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No Reply

Assembly District 73



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1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. Yes
6. Yes

7. Priorities: Produce an accurate, timely budget focused on the needs versus the wants; Affordable and accessible health care program for all citizens of Wisconsin; Improve transportation infrastructure; Increase education funding; Increase funding for public safety at the community level. Qualifications: Experience in education, health care and service industries; Leadership, budgetary, customer service, communication skills; MBA; Volunteer at United Way, Salvation Army, Special Olympics; 12 years of lobbying experience with Superior Days; Energetic, optimistic and hard working.

Vern Johnson (D)

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No Reply

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No Reply

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1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. Yes
6. Yes

7. I am interested in restoring an economy that works for all Wisconsinites. I believe that the keys to restoring our economy lie in fixing our health care system, enhancing our public educational system, reforming our electoral process, and protecting our environment. I served our country in the Persian Gulf and now serve as an Alderperson for the City of Superior. I have worked in the natural resource and environmental protection fields for over a decade and have extensive volunteer experience in public service. My diverse experience and education uniquely qualify me for the legislature.

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No Reply

Assembly District 74

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No Reply



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Refused

Assembly District 75

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Assembly District 76

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1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. Yes
6. Yes
7. I will continue my work in support of the University; more state financial support including domestic partner benefits and support for our incredible science community. Universal health care, and protecting a woman's right to choose will remain a priority. And my work addressing the costs of alcohol abuse, both financial and to health and lives lost to drunk driving, will continue. I have numerous bills strengthening consumer rights that I plan to advance, especially in the area of insurance costs. My qualifications consist of city committee work, 8 years on the Dane County Board and 10 years in the Legislature.

Assembly District 77



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1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. Yes
6. Yes
7. When the Democrats control the Legislature after the November election, there will be an opportunity to pass many important measures. Some my priorities will be: Environment: Clean up our lakes, take action to control global warming, encourage energy conservation and renewable energy. ; Education: Provide greater support for our University, provide more financial aid to keep higher education affordable and revamp K-12 funding to improve public education. ; Health: Pass universal health care coverage

and a statewide prohibition on smoking in workplaces including restaurants and taverns. ; Reform: Enact comprehensive campaign finance reform and close the revolving door between legislators and lobbyists.

Assembly District 78

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No Reply

Assembly District 79

Sondy Pope-Roberts (D), (I)

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1. Yes

2. Yes

3. Yes

4. Yes

5. Yes

6. Yes

7. The priorities I have set for my term in office will focus on education - especially a new funding formula that will provide districts the necessary support to meet the standards and mandates set by the state and federal governments. That formula will necessarily include a lessening of the burden on property tax payers. I will also be addressing the healthcare crisis which is seriously impacting many of our citizens. I will continue to protect our natural resources and environment, fight for meaningful campaign finance reform and work to protect the rights of those whose voices are small.

Carl Skalitzky (R)

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1. No. Please reread your question. There is no solid position here, and it would be our tax payer money. I only request that the state sponsor a website where candidates are not only listed or registered, but may post their own page for voters and citizens to view online. Citizens privately paid for a recent campaign using free speech, and then they / we voted.

2. No. There are no dollar amounts listed. A government sponsored website featuring candidates and their positions in their own words could be very inexpensive. First time candidates would be able to have a voice, without selective publishing. I do not see how limiting free speech and spending can be constitutional.

3. No. Did Obama change his mind about campaign funding options?

4. No. The current boundaries are legal, I believe by population. I do not see substance applied within this question.

5. No. Why do we need a new commission? This is asking for more taxpayer money to expand government. The process that has been legal in the past is likely to still be a relevant process. Would redistricting be okay every twenty years?

6. No. There is only one answer space here, for two questions.

7. I will make it my priority to work for a process of receipts and spending that enables a balanced state budget, as I would manage my own household expenses. I would give tax credits to minors and students to enhance our economy, and so that all of our children can choose what their spending needs are without applying for grants, etc.

Assembly District 80

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1. Yes. Reform is a "must" for the next legislative session. I prefer a merit system along the lines of Missouri's. But public financing is far superior to the existing system. (See my op-ed piece in the Monroe Times, Sept. 11, 2007, "Politicians, Corruption, and the System," available on my website www.waeltiforassembly.org

2. Yes. Again, see my op-ed piece referenced above, "Politicians, Corruption, and the System."

3. Yes. Such reform is desperately needed.

4. Yes. There are far too many uncompetitive "safe" seats in the congress and state legislatures. Uncompetitive seats contribute to partisan rancor, marginalize minority party voters, and diminish incentive to talk across party lines and solve problems.

5. Yes. I have published an op-ed piece in the Monroe Times on this very topic. It's not available on my website, but I will be pleased to furnish a copy upon request. Experts on this matter point to Iowa as having the best system.

6. Yes. Even a one-year "cooling off" period is too short. We cannot afford to make cynics of yet more voters. It is not politicians per se, but the system that has been corrupted. We desperately need to reform the system.

7. Priorities are K-12 education reform, tax reform including closing corporate tax loopholes, affordable health care, campaign

finance reform with emphasis on State Supreme Court, and decessnial redistricting with a non-partisan commission. Experience includes being raised on a dairy farm, three years enlisted Marine Corps, and career as an academic economist including two years in Kenya and four years in the Middle East. Governmental experience ranges from local township, school board, and a year as Economic Advisor to Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works).

Kristin Wisnefske (D)

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No Reply

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No Reply

Assembly District 81

Justin Sargent (D)

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1. Yes – As Senator Robson’s Chief of Staff, I worked with her to promote the Impartial Justice Bill, to accomplish these goals. In the Assembly, I will continue my efforts for a fair and impartial justice by working for passage of this important legislation. I believe that the integrity of our Judicial system is threatened by increasingly negative campaigns and large independent expenditures. I also believe that Democratic primary campaigns have become to negative, so I issued a challenge to my primary opponents to join me in signing a clean campaign pledge that was inspired by the League of Women Voters.

2. Yes – It is important that candidates are responsible for their own campaigns. I believe that campaign finance reform is necessary to ensure the public’s right to know who is paying for advertising so they can decide the value of these messages and how much their vote should be influenced by these groups. When Democrats win control of the Assembly, I believe that we must enact balanced, bipartisan reform that does not favor one group over another. Through balanced, fair reform, we can and must recover Wisconsin’s leadership in clean, ethical government, the type of government that brought me to public service.

3. Yes – I will support a sunshine law to provide transparency of issue ads. This is a vital component to returning control of campaigns to the candidates. The public has a right to know who is trying to influence them, so that they can make informed decisions. As leadership staff in the State Senate, I had the opportunity to advocate for more openness and transparency. I also worked on behalf of Senator Robson to help implement Wisconsin Eye, which televises the work of the Wisconsin legislature, making government more accessible. I am a strong proponent of open, transparent, and responsive government.

4. Yes – Electoral competitiveness is an important element in creating a balanced and thoughtful legislature. In addition to enhanced competitiveness standards, I would also like to see communities kept whole in redistricting as often as possible. Communities like Black Earth, Mazomanie, Waunakee, and Cross Plains have rich traditions and important concerns specific to their individual communities. Their voices might be diminished if their communities were divided into multiple legislative districts. Competitive legislative districts will also help curb the power of special interest lobbyists by making more campaigns dependent on grassroots campaigning and more incumbents interested in being responsive to constituent concerns.

5. Yes – I have worked with Wisconsin’s non-partisan service agencies, like the Legislative Audit Bureau, Legislative Technical Service Bureau, and Legislative Council. The professionals in these service agencies put aside personal political leanings and produce high quality, non-partisan work. If elected, I will explore ways to create a redistricting commission from existing agencies so that our hard earned tax dollars are wisely spent. Last session Democrats and Republicans came together to create a fair and unbiased Government Accountability Board to enhance ethics and accountability in Wisconsin. Redistricting can be done in the same thoughtful, balanced, non-partisan manner.

6. Yes – It is important that the public has full confidence in the integrity of our legislative process and that we continue to restore Wisconsin’s reputation by adopting sensible restrictions on lobbyists and lawmakers. I am hopeful that the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board, which is comprised of retired Judges, will continue its non-partisan efforts to review, renew, and strengthen government transparency and accountability. Early indicators show that the hopes we had for the GAB are being realized and that Wisconsin once again is emerging as a leader in fostering clean government. I will work to continue this progress.

7. Wisconsin is facing a fiscal crisis in our education system, our strong tradition of conservation is threatened, and everyone is suffering from skyrocketing healthcare costs. We can do better and we must do better. I am passionate about improving the educational opportunities of our children and enhancing life-long learning options for adults; making healthcare affordable and accessible; and protecting our environment. My family is involved in our community, so I understand and appreciate the values and concerns of our neighbors. This understanding combined with my years of advocacy and legislative experience will make me an effective voice in the Assembly.



Eric Englund (D)

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1. Yes. I have knocked on over 6000 doors and will knock on 10,000 doors by the September 9 primary. The voters of the 81st are tired of special interest politics and want their legislature returned to them. Passing campaign finance reform is the best way to achieve this goal. I have already “passed” campaign finance reform as part of my campaign. I am REFUSING all contributions from PAC’s, conduits, and lobbyists. Funding for my campaign is singularly coming from my friends and neighbors.

2. Yes

3. Yes

4. Yes

5. Yes

6. Yes

7. My effort to become a member of the Wisconsin Assembly is dedicated to the thousands of people I have met while going door to door to door to door in the 81st Assembly District who want the Wisconsin legislature to move past partisan bickering and sound bite politics and return to the day when the business of the Wisconsin legislature was to craft sustainable solutions to the problems we are facing. Many of the voters I have met have lost their faith in the legislature and I dedicate my candidacy and election to proving to them that the legislature is there to speak to their needs, not the needs of special interests. I am refusing all money from PAC’s, conduits and lobbyists. I have the experience, respect and integrity to help bring common sense solutions to the legislature.



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1. Yes. The last two elections showed how much we need public financing especially for judicial races. The ads, particularly those run against Justice Butler, were shameful. They did nothing to enlighten voters about the Court or the candidates. As an attorney, I believe we must preserve judicial impartiality – people deserve a fair shake when they enter a courtroom. When private interests finance our judicial elections, it creates an appearance of bias that undermines our judicial system.

2. Yes. I support public financing of campaigns because it increases the ability of ordinary citizens to participate in the process. Public financing makes elections more competitive and encourages legislators to legislate based on the public good rather than the desires of wealthy special interests. It also frees legislators’ time to develop more policy expertise rather than fundraising prowess. We all have a stake in our democracy, and public financing is a sound investment in protecting our constitutional right to democratic representation.

3. Yes, provided it is carefully crafted. Electioneering ads should comply with the Wisconsin’s campaign finance laws, and we should close loopholes that allow deep-pocketed interests to unfairly influence elections. Grassroots issue advocacy organizations, however, play an important role in our political process and should be allowed to express themselves and educate voters about candidates’ positions. I would support a law that protects the free speech rights of organizations like the League of Women Voters, but stops the deceptive, anonymous ads that front groups use to distort the electoral process and escape regulation under campaign finance laws.

4. Yes - competitive elections are important and have been shown to increase political participation. Voters deserve a meaningful choice among candidates. I support making electoral competitiveness one of several considerations used to determine electoral boundaries. Other factors might include respecting traditional local municipal districts, following existing geographic or natural boundaries, and ensuring representation for communities of interest. I do not believe that the Constitution requires electoral competitiveness and do not support amending it to add it.

5. Yes. Iowa has done this with great success. Competitive elections are good for our democracy and help citizens feel more engaged in the political process. It also ensures that legislators continue to be responsive to constituents because it acts to limit the tremendous power of incumbency.

6. No and yes. Many talented people pursue government careers to make a difference, frequently working longer hours and earning less than their private sector counterparts. We should encourage civic participation by those with diverse backgrounds and enable ordinary working people to pursue public service – not restrict their employment options after they’ve served. Many government officials develop valuable knowledge in policy areas, and we should not prevent them from contributing to the political process or using their expertise, provided they follow the law. I support prohibiting those convicted of violating ethics laws from holding positions of public trust.

7. I am a proven leader with deep roots in our community. As executive director of NARAL Pro-Choice Wisconsin for four years, I helped improve women's access to healthcare. I've made real change, like the *Compassionate Care for Rape Victims* bill, by collaborating successfully with people across the ideological spectrum. My priorities are ensuring universal health care, supporting high-quality public education, building a strong, forward-looking economy, protecting our environment, creating accountable, ethical government, and securing our rights. I've been endorsed by Kathleen Falk, Wisconsin NOW, and many others because I will bring energetic, effective leadership to the Assembly.

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No Reply



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1. No. I believe that our system for selecting state Supreme Court justices is broken. But as a lawyer who has appeared before both state and federal judges, I believe that there is a better alternative. That alternative is merit selection. Under the merit selection system, a nonpartisan board selects a list of candidates. The list is then forwarded to the governor for the final selection. The governor is required to select one of the names on the list. Merit selection has already been adopted by 24 other states and has been endorsed by the Wisconsin State Journal.
2. Yes. I support bipartisan, comprehensive campaign finance reform, including increased disclosure of so-called "issue ads," limiting special interest money, and prohibiting fundraising by legislators during the budget process. Under present law, public grants to candidates are financed by a voluntary \$1 checkoff on state tax forms. I support increasing the voluntary checkoff to \$5. However, I would not support using taxpayer dollars for campaign expenses except through a voluntary checkoff. I do not believe that the taxpayers should be required to finance politicians' campaigns.
3. Yes. I believe that the funding sources for issue ads should be clearly disclosed. I oppose misleading television commercials from unknown special interest groups and I believe that the funding sources for any such ads must be made public.
4. Yes
5. Yes
6. Yes. I support a one-year "cooling off" period before a former legislator, top legislative aide or key executive branch official can become a lobbyist. I support legislation prohibiting a person convicted of a felony or misdemeanor committed in their capacity as a government official from becoming a lobbyist. I'm not a lobbyist, and I'm not interested in becoming a lobbyist in the future. If elected, I will practice law in the private sector while also serving in the Assembly. I believe in a part-time citizen legislature, not a legislature filled with career politicians.
7. In my current position as a Dane County assistant district attorney, it's my job to get results in court for the people of Dane County and for the victims of crime. We need to get smart on crime and its causes, to stop the revolving door that sends the same people back to jail over and over again. As your representative in the Assembly, I will also fight to establish universal health care (the Healthy Wisconsin plan), clean up Dane County's lakes, and make the tough decisions needed to eliminate the state budget's structural deficit.



John Laubmeier (D)

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1. Yes . . . however, I would need to know details. For example, what would make a candidate "qualify" for these funds?
2. Yes . . . however, I would need to know the details. For example, who is going to decide if one is a target? What criteria will be used? How do we defend freedom of speech and prevent the abuses currently present in our system? This will take some work to work out wording.
3. I completely support requiring the disclosure of funding sources for ads. If funding amounts are established by law, everyone would need to comply.
4. Yes . . . however, I would need to know the definition of electoral competitiveness.
5. Probably . . . I would need to know how this commission or authority is to be created and who would belong to it. This idea is too vague to give an absolute answer.

6. I completely agree with the second half of this question. The first half of the question takes some thinking. I can see the pros and cons of both sides of this argument. I would need to study it at length and weigh the advice of experts in order to draw a good public policy answer.

7. If elected, I would love to join a true bipartisan effort to balance the budget, study and revise public school funding programs, and invest in infrastructure to help grow businesses and jobs in Wisconsin. The brain drain will not end and the budget crisis will not go away unless we stop the political bickering and put our efforts into having the finest schools, energy programs, transportation systems, parks, and business incubators in the Mid-West. My background as an economics teacher and ten-year local government official give me a wealth of experience to tackle these problems to create good public policy.

Assembly District 82

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No Reply

Assembly District 83

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1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. Yes
6. Yes

7. I would like to see topics such as financial literacy, entrepreneurship, leadership, and networking built into the mandatory high school curriculum of each school district. I would also like to see colleges and universities throughout the state work these subjects into the general core curriculum that all students, regardless of major/area of concentration, must complete in order to graduate. My passion for this particular cause stems from my book, Beyond Majors and G.P.A., which I originally authored while still in college. It is currently in its second edition.

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Assembly District 84

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Assembly District 85



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1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. Yes
6. Yes

7. I am committed to developing a comprehensive plan to provide access to quality, affordable health care. Throughout my time in the Legislature I have brought together stakeholders to move us closer to a solution and believe that next session Wisconsin can achieve real health care reform. In the face of our struggling economy, we must continue to build and train our workforce by

investing in education. I also believe we need to create tax fairness by shifting the burden off property taxpayers.

Jess F. Kufahl (R)

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Assembly District 86

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Assembly District 87

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1. Yes

2. Yes

3. Yes

4. Yes

5. Yes

6. Yes

7. A campaign to elect j. Suzanne Murphy, Democrat and great-niece of Hattie and Thaddy Caraway, Ark. Dem. Senators, 1921-1945, as the WI 87th District Assembly Representative for all People, 60,000 strong, is more than grapevine grassroots activism for: Better Ethics and Accountability in Gov't; Rural Economic Prosperity with Public Transportation; Stewardship for Rural Traditional Arts, Biodiversity, and Culture... it's a groundswell rallying call for Participants in defense of ALL People's Rights and Needs, by law, in FINE-TUNING DEMOCRACY, which means, ALL PEOPLE RULE. EVERY VOICE COUNTS. Please pose a sign: Vote in Primary, Sept. 9 Murphy - Representative.



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1. Yes

2. Yes

3. Yes

4. Yes

5. Yes

6. Yes

7. My priorities include the economy, healthcare, education and conservation. We must change the philosophy of the do nothing legislature into one that is willing to work full time and make needed changes. I have extensive experience in healthcare, have served on the Park Falls City Council, and provide volunteer service to the community. I have management experience as well as the willingness to work together to resolve issues rather than working to tear apart our government. I also understand the struggles to make ends meet that the hard working families in northern Wisconsin face every day.

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No Reply

Assembly District 88



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1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. Yes
6. Yes

7. Comprehensive and affordable health care for all citizens of the state is imperative to make Wisconsin healthy and competitive. We must enact a realistic energy plan to address our aging infrastructure and to use all available energy sources, conventional and alternative, to make our state a vital competitive place to live and work. Investments in our infrastructure create family sustaining jobs which pay dividends for generations to come. Short sighted decisions in the last 35 years have left us importing large percentages of energy which removes money from our economy and cripples development.

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Assembly District 89

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1. Yes. I would support 100% public financing of all campaigns, not just for the Supreme Court, without allowances for outside or personal expenditures.
2. Yes. I wholeheartedly agree with these proposals. Without removing special interest money and outside money from campaigns, reform efforts are doomed. As mentioned above, I would support all state elections to be publicly financed without allowing personal wealth or outside donations.
3. Yes, these shadowy groups that have been running distorted ads need to be held up to the light so voters know where the money is coming from. I do not believe corporations deserve the same rights as citizens and would have no problem limiting their influence in our government.
4. Yes. My district has been drawn and redrawn for the past 40 years to guarantee a Republican seat in Madison. Competitiveness best assures the voice of the people is heard in Madison.
5. Yes. I use several online resources to show my students the impact of gerrymandering and the ease with which one faction can dominate a government through redistricting. An independent, non-partisan commission is the best way to protect the will of the people.
6. Yes. I would support a lifetime ban on past legislators, executive officials and their key advisers becoming lobbyists. Their job is to work for the people, not to one day enrich themselves at our expense.
7. I will work to make our government more responsive to the will of the people instead of special interests and corporations. Talking to 1000s of people during the course of this campaign, they commonly believe that the government won't change. The people encouraging and espousing this belief are those best suited by it. Health care coverage, environmental protection, etc. all depend upon removing big money from all sides being removed from the equation.

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1. Yes
2. Yes

3. Yes
4. Yes
5. Yes
6. Yes, but I feel the "cooling off" period should be longer than one year.
7. My priorities include: 1) Comprehensive, affordable, portable health care that allows us to be competitive in the market place.
2) Energy conservation and renewable energy sources 3) Growing the economy of NE Wisconsin to keep and increase the number of family supporting jobs 4) Work to keep our public schools safe, competitive and a place of opportunity for the individual student

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No Reply

Assembly District 91

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No Reply

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1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. Yes
6. Yes
7. My priorities in office will be reforming health care delivery, educational funding, tax fairness and campaign finance reform. I will also focus on rural development issues and maintaining strong support for family farms, the backbone of the economy in the 91st Assembly District. I will bring a broad educational background and a wide variety of real world experience to the Assembly as well as a lifelong commitment to justice, equality and fairness.

Remy Ceci (D)

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1. Yes. The last Supreme Court election was an example of sham issue ads.
2. Yes
3. Yes. This might have prevented what happened in the last Supreme Court election.
4. Yes, no more gerrymandering.
5. Yes
6. Yes. Two years would be better.
7. #1 School funding reform. We MUST look at better way to fund schools other than property tax. State must pick up its mandated share, complete review of funding sources, elimination of spending caps, etc. #2 Access to affordable health care for all WI citizens without regard to employment status or pre-existing condition. I'm a cancer survivor, small business owner and denied health care coverage of any kind. I'm an outspoken advocate for health care reform in Wisconsin. #3. Aggressive use of renewable energy. I'm degreed in renewable energy technology & worked on public & private projects.

James K. Kraft (D)

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No Reply



Marge Baecker (D)

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1. Yes. This past spring's Supreme Court race was characterized by many so-called "sham issue ads." The justices should not, or do not, make their decisions based on party lines. Therefore a judicial candidate should be eligible to receive additional funding to counteract negative ads sponsored by special interest groups.

2. Yes. There need to be limits on the amount a candidate can spend on a state legislative race. Many good candidates cannot match the funding that their opponents have available. The amount of money being spent on state legislative races has gone out of control. There is a definite need for public financing of campaigns.
3. Yes. Absolutely. There is a great deal of money coming to Wisconsin candidates from out-of-state. The voters need to be entitled to this information.
4. Yes. When a district is competitive, it will give the voters more of a choice. Candidates will have to make more of an effort to speak with voters, and to debate with their opponents. In districts that are not competitive, incumbents are usually not challenged. This does not make for good government, and disenfranchises voters.
5. Yes. The political party that is in control of the state legislature will often use redistricting to its advantage when drawing up the new district lines. There needs to be some system of fairness that will benefit voters in the redistricting process, and to keep redistricting out of the courts.
6. Yes. I definitely agree with both positions stated in the question. There seems to be somewhat of a distrust of lobbyists already. Keeping that in mind, there needs to be tighter scrutiny for former legislators who are attempting to register as lobbyists. Legislators who have been convicted of a felon or misdemeanor for an action while serving in office, should not be allowed to register as lobbyists.
7. I am making tax fairness, healthcare reform, and equitable school funding the top priorities in my campaign. The 91st Assembly District is rural. The preservation of farmlands and woodlands is also of importance. I am a retired teacher and principal, having taught for 37 years. I am the immediate past chair of the 3rd Congressional District Democratic Party, as well as a member of the DPW Administrative Committee. My knowledge of the issues is based on my political party experience, contacts with voters, and having taught Civics and Government to my students.

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1. No. Public money should not be spent on campaigns.
2. No. I do not believe the public's money should be spent on funding campaigns. People can contribute voluntarily. Taxpayers should not have their tax dollars forcibly taken from them to support any campaign. It is a completely inappropriate use of taxpayer funds and would aid the government in choosing who wins elections. The people have an obligation to learn the facts about the issues and the candidates they are voting for. The solution to special interest corruption is complete and simple to access transparency of all campaign finance transactions.
3. Yes. I support complete campaign and public finance transparency.
4. No. The determination of "electoral competitiveness" is far too broad.
5. Yes. Oversight is needed to prevent payoff gerrymandering
6. Yes
7. I would like to reduce wasteful spending by reducing the number of state employees in redundant positions and eliminating overlapping functions. I would seek to increase academic rigor in the public schools at every level, especially in the areas of Math and Science. I am studying to be a Physicist. I would seek to promote technology usage in government processes, streamlining state government to reduce costs. I have owned and operated my own business and have experience in cost reduction actions.

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1. Yes. These reforms are critical and necessary to protect the integrity and impartiality of the State Supreme Court.
2. Yes. To revitalize our democracy we must reduce the influence money has in shaping the field of candidates for electoral office and the presentation of issues and ideas during electoral campaigns.
3. Yes. Transparency is essential to good policy making. Healthy debate about public policy is of value beyond measure. We should not allow it to be auctioned off to the high bidder like a trinket in a marketplace. These measures are important for protecting the integrity and fairness of public discourse.
4. Yes. I support this concept as a general principle. I would need to study the particular language of proposed legislation before deciding to vote for it.
5. Yes. I fully support establishing such an independent commission.
6. Yes. Basic ethical protections like this should be in place. Citizens should be able to trust that their government officials are serving the public good not personal greed.
7. My priorities are: Reforming the way we pay for health care so it is accessible and affordable for everyone; Creating and maintaining jobs that pay a living wage while utilizing our collective talent and wisdom to create an environmentally sustainable and healthy Wisconsin; Making taxes more fair to homeowners; Making government more accountable, transparent and clean through comprehensive campaign finance reforms. My life of public service - in city government, rural parishes, hospital chaplaincy, and community organizing - has equipped me with the knowledge and skills to solve problems.

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1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. Yes
6. Yes
7. The issues most discussed this year are topped by the direction of the economy, gas prices and cost of health care. Though we must take steps to ease the pressure caused by the spike in the cost of living, real reform in healthcare and education or regulating greedy corporate profits will not occur without real campaign finance reform. I understand that it will take more than the next election cycle to fully reform all campaigns; we can take the first step by passing full public funding of Supreme Court candidates. We must also demand full disclosure of all contributors to outside interest groups that try to influence voters through ads and mailings. [word limit]

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1. Yes

2. Yes

3. Yes

4. Yes

5. Yes

6. Yes

7. My legislative priorities include passing comprehensive reform of school funding, improving our health care system, and making sure Wisconsin is well-positioned for economic growth that benefits all its citizens.

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