

PRIMARY CANDIDATES

By supporting women candidates in competitive races up and down the ticket, we can make a lasting impact on the future of representation in Wisconsin.



Karen DeSanto
District: 55% D

Karen is known throughout Sauk County for her work with the Boys and Girls Clubs of West Central Wisconsin where she served for 12 years as CEO before retiring in 2024. Karen has lived in Baraboo for 30 years where she raised her daughter, Emily (26). Karen is running against two men in a democratic primary in a strong democratic district.

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Tara Johnson
District: 55% D

Tara is a Former La Crosse County Board Member and the county's First Female Chair. She is also the Executive Director of the United Way of La Crosse, a former union member, mom, and proud Democrat. Tara is running against a man in the Democratic primary. This seat is a pickup opportunity against Incumbent Republican Loren Oldenburg who follows the marching orders of Vos.

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Renuka Mayadev
District: 84% D

Renuka works at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health (UW SMPH) as a maternal child health advisor. She is focused on improving the health outcomes of pregnant people, mothers and infants across Wisconsin. Skilled in advocacy and policy, and a lawyer, she knows what it takes to write and pass laws that will make a real difference for every Wisconsinite. Renuka is running against two men in a democratic primary in a strong democratic district.

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Angela Stroud
District: 60% D

Angela is a sociologist who has spent her career helping students understand how to make positive social change and create lives of purpose through living in community. Angela lives in the north woods with her partner, step-son, and anti-social rescue dog, Mae. Angela is running against a man in a democratic primary in a previously strong democratic district where a Republican won in 2022.

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Rep. Melissa Ratcliff
District: 65% D

Melissa is a current State Representative for Assembly District 46. She has advocated for fair maps, our public schools, common sense gun laws, LGBTQIA+ Rights and access to health care. She has been a member of the Cottage Grove Village Board, the Dane County Board, and now in the State Assembly. Melissa is running against two of her colleagues who are men in the democratic primary. This is a strong democratic seat previously held by a woman.

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