

League of Women Voters of Wisconsin Education Fund

Voter Guide

2011 Summer Elections Recall Elections for 9 State Senate Districts *and* Special Election for Assembly District 48

Nine state Senate districts will have recall elections this summer. In addition the 48th Assembly District, in Dane County, will have a special election to fill the seat vacated by Joe Parisi. See detailed information by the Government Accountability Board (<http://gab.wi.gov/elections-voting/results>).

DISTRICT	Primary Election – Democratic –	Primary Election – Republican –	General Election
Senate 2	July 12	--	Aug. 9
Senate 8	July 12	--	Aug. 9
Senate 10	July 12	--	Aug. 9
Senate 12	--	July 19	Aug. 16
Senate 14	July 12	--	Aug. 9
Senate 18	July 12	--	Aug. 9
Senate 22	--	July 19	Aug. 16
Senate 30	--	--	July 19
Senate 32	July 12	--	Aug. 9
Assembly 48	July 12	--	Aug. 9

About this guide

The League of Women Voters of Wisconsin Education Fund (LWVWIEF) has surveyed the candidates certified for the 2011 Wisconsin summer recall and special elections. This *Voter Guide* has been prepared in advance of the July primary elections. All candidates received questionnaires, regardless of whether their names would appear on the primary elections ballot in July. They were advised that there would be only one chance to answer the questions – prior to the primary elections – because the League did not want to give any candidate the advantage of having seen her/his opponent’s answers before responding to the questions.

This *Voter Guide* contains verbatim responses from the candidates to questions developed by the League of Women Voters and our colleagues at Wisconsin Democracy Campaign and Common Cause in Wisconsin. Candidates and their responses are listed according to order by the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board. Candidates were surveyed online and asked to adhere to character limits. Candidates also received a copy of the questionnaire by U.S. Postal Service at their campaign address. “No response” 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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What Has Changed – And What Has Not With Wisconsin's New Election Law

New procedures

1. You will be asked to show an official photo ID, **but you are not required to do so to obtain a regular ballot in this summer's elections.** Voters who do not have an official photo ID will receive information about what kind of ID will be required for voting beginning in 2012.
2. The new election law requires a person to be a resident of a voting district for at least 28 consecutive days prior to the election. The 28 day deadline for the July elections has already past. Citizens who have moved more recently may vote in their old district.
3. The new law has shortened the period when citizens may cast an absentee vote in their municipal clerk's office. It is now a two-week period that ends at the close of business on the Friday before the election.
4. Voters will be required to sign the poll book in order to get a ballot.

What has not changed

1. **You may still register to vote at your polling place.** Under federal and state law, when registering to vote, you must prove who you are and where you live. To register, you will have to supply a Wisconsin driver license number or Wisconsin state ID card number. If you have not been issued one of these IDs, you may use the last four digits of your Social Security number. If you have never been issued any of these numbers, you will be assigned a unique voter number. To prove your residency in the voting district, a Wisconsin driver license or Wisconsin ID card with your current address is acceptable, as are several other specific official documents. Your proof of residency will have to show that you have lived there at least 28 days. Under the new state law, citizens no longer may use corroboration by a neighbor or relative to establish residency.
2. The Government Accountability Board's *Voter Public Access* website (<https://vpa.wi.gov/>) is a great source of information, where you can check your voter registration status, polling place, election dates and a sample ballot.

The Elected Offices Covered in This Voter Guide

Wisconsin State Senate and State Assembly

The Wisconsin Legislature is made up of a 33 member senate and the 99 member assembly, together with the service agencies created by the legislature and the staff employed by each house. Senators serve staggered four year terms and assembly members serve two year terms. The odd-numbered senate districts are up for election this year. The legislature's main responsibility is to make policy by enacting state laws. The legislature can also override a governor's veto of any legislation by a two-thirds vote in both houses of the legislature. Members earn a salary of \$49,943 per year, in addition to an allowance not to exceed \$88 per day ("per diem") for living expenses for each day spent in Madison under certain circumstances.

The Questions and the Candidates' Answers

1. What educational, occupational, civic and community experiences have you had that you believe qualify you for this elective office? Limit 100 words.
2. Would you support legislation expanding the types of voting ID that citizens could use in Wisconsin to include any type of federal, state, or local photo ID, social security card, state-issued permits and licenses, current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check or other government document that shows the elector's name and address? Answer Yes/No; Optional comments up to 100 words.

3. Do you support legislation that would establish a nonpartisan approach to legislative redistricting modeled after Iowa's system that gives authority to a nonpartisan legislative service agency to draw district lines? Answer Yes/No; Optional comments up to 100 words.
4. Do you support legislation that would close the "magic words" loophole in state law and require full disclosure of both the amount and source of funds spent by interest groups on advertising intended to influence an election? Answer Yes/No; Optional comments up to 100 words.
5. Do you support restoration of all funding sources for the public financing system for state Supreme Court elections under the Impartial Justice Act? Answer Yes/No; Optional comments up to 100 words.

Party key

D=Democratic; R=Republican (the only parties with candidates this summer)

Note: Wisconsin has an "open primary" system in which any eligible citizen may register as a candidate in any political party's primary election. Likewise, citizens may vote in any party's primary.

Senate District 2

- Primary Recall Election for Democratic Party candidates on **July 12, 2011**
- Winner of Primary Election will face Republican Party candidate **Robert Cowles** (Incumbent) on **August 9, 2011**



NANCY NUSBAUM (D)

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Question 1: I served as Mayor of De Pere for seven years, where I created over 1800 jobs and help revitalize our downtown. I served as Brown County Executive for another seven years, where I helped build the Resch Center, the Convention Center, and the Fox River Trail. Most recently, I served as director of Crime Victim Services for the State of Wisconsin, where I led the fight to protect abused children and stood up for the victims of rape, domestic violence and other crimes.

Question 2: Yes. The right to vote is the foundation for our democracy, and we should be making it easier for Wisconsin citizens to vote, not harder.

Question 3: Yes, redistricting shouldn't be a partisan power-grab by whichever party holds the majority but a process that gives each community in Wisconsin a real voice in Madison.

Question 4: Yes, I am deeply disturbed by the amount of special interest money that is flowing into Wisconsin from out of state in order to directly influence elections.

Question 5: Yes. State Supreme Court justices must be completely impartial, and not beholden to special interest campaign contributors who want to buy a seat on the state Supreme Court.

OTTO C. JUNKERMAN (D)

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No reply

ROBERT L. COWLES (R-Incumbent)

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No reply

Senate District 8

- Primary Recall Election for Democratic Party candidates on **July 12, 2011**
- Winner of Primary Election will face Republican Party candidate **Alberta Darling** (Incumbent) on **August 9, 2011**

SANDY PASCH

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Question 1: My husband and I have lived in Whitefish Bay for 25 years, where we raised three children. I have been a practicing nurse since 1976, and was an assistant professor of nursing at Columbia College of Nursing for 15 years, where I taught students in the fields of mental health, community health, and bioethics. Just elected to the State Assembly in 2008, I have focused on strengthening education, improving health care and creating jobs. In the Assembly, I am a ranking member on the Joint Legislative Council and serve on the Assembly Committee on Health and Assembly Committee on Public Health and Public Safety.

Question 2: I support legislation that protects the integrity of elections without creating unnecessary roadblocks to exercising people's right to vote.

Question 3: I support a redistricting process that redraws legislative district lines to compensate for shifting demographic trends, not for political parties to exploit for partisan gains.

Question 4: I support legislation that closes unnecessary loopholes that impede transparency in our electoral process.

Question 5: I support certain public financing options to help ensure clean and fair judicial elections and was a co-sponsor of the Impartial Justice Act.

GLADYS HUBER (D)

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No reply

ALBERTA DARLING (R-Incumbent)

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No reply

Senate District 10

- Primary Recall Election for Democratic Party candidates on **July 12, 2011**
- Winner of Primary Election will face Republican Party candidate **Sheila Harsdorf** (Incumbent) on **August 9, 2011**

SHELLY MOORE (D)

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Question 1: I have been a classroom teacher for thirteen years. Being a classroom teacher has allowed me to see first hand how cuts to investments like public education and healthcare affect everyone. In addition, I sat on the board of the TurningPoint domestic violence shelter, where I helped educate women and educators about how to recognize the signs of domestic violence.

Question 2: I support legislation that protects the integrity of elections without erecting unnecessary roadblocks to exercising the right of people to vote.

Question 3: I support a redistricting process that redraws legislative district lines to compensate for shifting demographic trends, not for political parties to exploit for partisan gain.

Question 4: I support legislation that closes needless loopholes that impede transparency.

Question 5: I support public financing options to help ensure clean and fair judicial elections

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No reply



SHEILA HARSDORF (R-Incumbent)
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Question 1: My background is in farming. I grew up in the area and worked on the family farm between serving in the State Assembly and now the State Senate.

Question 2: I support voter identification that includes a photo whereby we can be confident that voters are who they say they are. To not protect voters in this manner opens them up to disenfranchisement when votes are counted through fraud incurred by lack of basic identification requirements.

Question 3: Yes.

Question 4: Yes. I introduced legislation requiring special interest groups to comply with the same campaign finance laws that candidates must abide.

Question 5: Yes. I have supported the Impartial Justice Act to ensure the independence of our court. However, when the state is faced with staggering deficits, it requires choices and funding elections in this way is not a taxpayer priority.

Senate District 12

- Primary Recall Election for Republican Party candidates on **July 19, 2011**
- Winner of Primary Election will face Democratic Party candidate **Jim Holperin** (Incumbent) on **August 16, 2011**

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No reply

Senate District 14

- Primary Recall Election for Democratic Party candidates on **July 12, 2011**
- Winner of Primary Election will face Republican Party candidate **Luther Olsen** (Incumbent) on **August 9, 2011**

ROL CHURCH (D)

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No reply

FRED CLARK (D)

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No reply

LUTHER S. OLSEN (R-Incumbent)

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No reply

Senate District 18

- Primary Recall Election for Democratic Party candidates on **July 12, 2011**
- Winner of Primary Election will face Republican Party candidate **Randy Hopper** (Incumbent) on **August 9, 2011**



JESSICA KING (D)

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Question 1: Jessica King was born and raised in Fond du Lac County by disabled parents, and overcame many life challenges at a young age. Becoming a ward of the state at age 15, Jessica put herself through college with hard work and scholarships. Jessica earned several academic and leadership honors during her college career at University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. After college King pursued a law degree and graduated from Thomas Jefferson Law School. In 2004 Jessica came back to Oshkosh to help with her parents as they battled cancer and kidney failure. King wanted to give back to the community that had given so much to her and became very involved in several community groups. [Remainder exceeded 100-word limit]

Question 2: I support legislation that protects the integrity of elections without erecting unnecessary roadblocks to exercising the right of people to vote.

Question 3: I support a redistricting process that redraws legislative district lines to compensate for shifting demographic trends, not for political parties to exploit for partisan gain.

Question 4: I support legislation that closes needless loopholes.

Question 5: I support certain public financing options to help ensure clean and fair judicial elections.

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No reply

RANDY HOPPER (R-Incumbent)

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No reply

Senate District 22

- Primary Recall Election for Republican Party candidates on **July 19, 2011**
- Winner of Primary Election will face Democratic Party candidate **Robert Wirch** (Incumbent) on **August 16, 2011**

FRED R. EKORNAAS (R)
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No reply

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No reply

ROBERT W. WIRCH (D-Incumbent)
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No reply

Senate District 30

- Recall election on **July 19, 2011** (no primary election for this district)

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No reply



DAVE HANSEN (D-Incumbent)
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Question 1: Graduate of UWGreen Bay, Teacher, Truck Driver for the City of Green Bay. Served the constituents of the 30th State Senate District since 2000.

Question 2: Yes.

Question 3: Yes.

Question 4: Yes.

Question 5: Yes.

Senate District 32

- Primary Recall Election for Democratic Party candidates on **July 12, 2011**
- Winner of Primary Election will face Republican Party candidate **Daniel Kapanke** (Incumbent) on **August 9, 2011**

JAMES D. SMITH (D)
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Question 1: I have worked in healthcare for six years, been on the La Crosse Count Republican Party Executive Committee for 2 years, helped elect multiple candidates with volunteer work.

Question 2: No, I believe people should have to have a photo ID with name and address.

Question 3: No, I believe the way Wisconsin has worked for years works fine. Why fix what isn't broken.

Question 4: No. People have the right to spend their hard earned money in ways that they want without fear of being judged.

Question 5: No.

JENNIFER SHILLING (D)
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No reply

DANIEL E. KAPANKE (R-Incumbent)
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No reply

Assembly District 48

- Special Primary Election for Democratic Party candidates on **July 12, 2011**
- Winner of the Primary Election will be the only name on the ballot on **August 9, 2011**, along with an opportunity for write-in candidates as usual.



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Question 1: I'm a policy advocate and organizer who worked at the Wisconsin Council on Children & Families where I built a coalition advocating for quality child care, health care, job training and progressive taxation. As a poverty attorney, I provided free legal services to Dane County workers. I am the Chief of Staff to an Assembly Democrat, working on environment, job creation, education, workers' rights, and other issues in the legislature. I chaired Madison's Affirmative Action Commission, serve on Madison's Economic Development Committee, am active in neighborhood associations, and am a founder and former board member of the Workers' Rights Center.

Question 2: Yes. As part of the Assembly Democratic team, I worked hard to fight the recent voter ID law, which will discourage tens of thousands of Wisconsin voters, especially the elderly, homeless, and students. I helped craft amendments aimed at improving the bill, such as expanding the types of identification that would be considered valid, only to see every amendment rejected by Republicans. I want the residents of the 48th to understand how to protect their right to vote under this new law, so I put together and distributed nearly 2,000 cards explaining it; that information is also on my website: http://www.vickyforassembly.com/voter_id.

Question 3: Yes. The public has lost faith that the original goals of redistricting – ensuring fair, consistent, and evenly distributed representation – can be accomplished via the current partisan approach. We are long overdue for a new approach that removes politics from this process.

Question 4: Yes. The public's trust in our elections has been greatly diminished – if not eroded completely - by floods of out-of-state money coming in for candidates. Many voters have the sense that candidates are seeking to work the system to avoid revealing the true identity of their donors and that political advertising they see or read simply cannot be trusted. Full disclosure, strong and swiftly-enforced penalties, and meaningful campaign finance reform are needed to restore the public's confidence that our elections are not tainted by corporate and interest group spending.

Question 5: Yes. Wisconsin's heralded tradition of clean elections is under attack. Wisconsin was one of the first states to implement public financing for elections. And less than two years ago, Wisconsin became just the third state to pass full public financing for qualifying state Supreme Court candidates. In May, however, Republicans on the Legislature's Joint Finance Committee voted to end our 33-year-old system of public financing of elections and use the funds to implement the country's strictest voter ID law. I will work to restore public financing and improve disclosure protections so the public's trust in our elections can be regained.

BETHANY ORDAZ (D)

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Question 1: I am the first person in my family to go to college, so I know that a quality education means. I began my career working to keep college affordable and accessible. I have worked both inside and outside the Capitol and know how to get things done. I have worked on a wide range of issues. As the SEIU Political Director, I fought to pass legislation expanding bargaining rights to home healthcare workers and went door to door to sign them up for the union. I've worked on numerous campaigns to elect progressives across the state.

Question 2: Yes. I do not believe it should be a requirement to show a photo id for voting. However, since the Republicans have enacted legislation requiring a photo id for voting I do believe that citizens should be allowed to show a wide variety of identification including any type of federal or state id and all student ids.

Question 3: Yes. I do not believe that legislators should be in charge of drawing new district maps following a census. There should be a non-partisan system in place for redistricting.

Question 4: Yes. I support full disclosure of all campaign expenditures for all candidates and committees.

Question 5: Yes. We need to move toward a system where our Supreme Court is not bought and paid for.

CHRIS TAYLOR (D)

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Question 1: As a practicing attorney for six years, I have effective problem solving, mediation and negotiation skills. As the Public Policy Director of Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin for the last 8 years, I am the only candidate in this race with experience getting progressive legislation passed on the most challenging issues. In the last four years, I was the lead advocate in helping eight pro-active reproductive rights policies become law, more than in the entire history of the Wisconsin legislature. I'm endorsed by more state legislators than any other candidate because they know I have the skill set and experience to get things done and to move forward.

Question 2: Yes, but I would first support repealing the Voter Suppression law, which erected some of the strictest voting requirements of any state in the country. The right to vote is a fundamental civil right. Prior to the Voter Suppression law, Wisconsin had the strong tradition of voting rights laws which encouraged, rather than denied, each citizen's right to vote. We need to return to that tradition and repeal the bill. In the absence of a repeal, I believe the types of IDs citizens can present to meet the requirements of the unfortunate new law should be as broad as possible and include the above list.

Question 3: Yes, I support a nonpartisan approach to redistricting like the Iowa model. The nonpartisan approach adopted needs to fit within our Wisconsin traditions of fair and open government and maximizing every citizen's right and opportunity to vote. From talking to thousands of people across this district, I know that people are very cynical about our government at this time, particularly after the legislative and executive corruption over ending collective bargaining rights and the recent state Supreme Court race. Deciding how legislative districts will be drawn should not be a partisan issue.

Question 4: Yes. One of the first cases I worked on out of law school was obtaining an injunction against Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce for running clearly political ads against, then, state Senator Lynn Adelman (the managing partner at the law firm where I worked) without disclosing the source and amount of funds used. Though these ads didn't say "vote for" or "vote against", the timing and content of the ads made them very obviously political. A judge agreed and the ads were banned from the airwaves. This was in 1996, before the proliferation of such ads. In the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in Citizens United, we need immediate legislation to stop corporate influence in elections and full disclosure for clearly political ads, even when the magic words "vote for" or "vote against" aren't used.

Question 5: Yes, but we also need to close the "magic words" loophole identified in Question 4. It is obvious from our last state Supreme Court elections that public financing to ensure fair judicial elections is not enough if special interest groups can spend freely without even having to disclose where their money is coming from.



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Question 1: My breadth and depth of experience make me best positioned to bring 48th District values to the Capitol:

- Economics and leadership studies instructor at MATC for 34 years
- Multiple leadership positions within social science department and MATC's Faculty Union
- Three-term Madison Alder: Council President, President Pro Tem; two-term Dane County Supervisor
- Chair, Stoughton Road Revitalization Project, winning national, state, and local awards for design and multi-neighborhood collaboration
- Chair, Madison Plan Commission, Dane County Regional Planning Commission; co-chair, Ho-Chunk Nation/Madison Planning Council
- Peace Corps Volunteer, Malaysia; 13 social justice delegations to Central America since 1998

Question 2: Yes. Making it more rather than less difficult for citizens to vote has been an inappropriate and less than transparent strategy of the current legislature. Students, low income citizens, and the elderly are particularly threatened with the Voter ID bill. Confusion and uncertainty about the voting process make citizens less engaged in their right to vote and less trustful of government generally.

Question 3: Yes. Having the legislature vote on legislative redistricting, when the Assembly or Senate is skewed with either a Republican or a Democratic majority, simply makes the process self serving, particularly when there is not adequate time or input for public scrutiny of proposed plans. An impartial panel of judges and nonpartisan community members can establish a nonpartisan approach to redistricting and re-instill respect for and trust in the process. The Schultz-Cullen resolution is a first step in the discussion of combating the influence of money and partisanship in Supreme Court races. How we do things matters!

Question 4: Yes. Too much special interest group funding does not meet the requirement of "educational purpose" or "non-support of a candidate" but is a blatant attempt to influence an election. Not only did the recently-passed state budget eliminate all public election financing, but also the Legislature's Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules approved legislation nullifying what little campaign finance disclosure the Government Accountability Board had already put in place. Full disclosure of both the amount and source of funds is imperative. How we do things matters!

Question 5: Yes. Using tax generated revenue to pay for Wisconsin's new Voter ID legislation contradicts voters' wishes when they check the box on their tax returns to support public financing for state Supreme Court elections under the Impartial Justice Act. I support full restoration of all funding sources for the public financing system for state Supreme Court elections under the Impartial Justice Act.



ANDY HEIDT (D)

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Question 1: I work as Ombudsman for Dane County Department of Human Services. I am a co-founder and current President of AFSCME 1871, Dane County Professionals. I have been elected to the Madison Common Council twice and appointed a third time. I am the State co-chair of Covering Kids and Families and the former Executive Director of United Refugee Services. I chaired the Community Development Authority's Planning Committee. These experiences uniquely prepare me to serve the residents of the 48th Assembly District. I have more experience directly working with poverty, the elderly and individuals with disabilities than any candidate in this race.

Question 2: Yes, voting needs to be as simple as possible. There is negligible evidence of vote fraud in Wisconsin. A far bigger issue is the accuracy of our elections and vote machines. There needs to be quality controls to ensure that all votes are tabulated accurately. Voting machines must be randomly tested for quality control and precision. We must be assured in Wisconsin that every vote is counted correctly. There may be nefarious forces that would rather cheat and win than play fair and lose. This cannot stand and must be fixed so we are confident in the accuracy of elections.

Question 3: Yes, it is sad that this has not occurred already. Elections should be fought on the playing field of issues and ideas and the quality of candidates, not dominated by big money and strategic design of electoral boundaries. This only exacerbates an already out of control partisanship where venality not fairness tends to dominate. We can and will do better with a nonpartisan approach to redistricting.

Question 4: Yes. We need absolute transparency in our electoral process. We need to know who is buying our politicians and for how much. We need a level playing field. Spending can be egregious in these races. Corporate money must be eliminated, until it is, it must be reported absolutely accurately. It seems absurd that any one, even a professional politician would need to spend more than an assembly position pays in a year to attempt to win a primary when the economy is crashing and food pantries have long, sad lines.

Question 5: Yes, the sad record of recent elections and the judicial activism of the conservative majority shows we have the best Supreme Court money can buy. This savagely contradicts the image of good, clean government in Wisconsin. We need fairly elected Supreme Court Justices. We need to know who is funding the so-called "issue" ads so the Judges do not decide on cases their funders put in front of them and allow money, not the law, to guide their decisions.



DAVE DE FELICE (D)

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Question 1: Elected four times to Dane County Board, representing 16,000 people who concurrently reside in the County District and 48th Assembly District. Currently serving eighth year on the County Board, Co-founded McClellan Park Neighborhood Association. Helped bring a park to the area and a bridge (Cottage Grove Road overpass) with pedestrian walkways and bike lanes. Volunteer, Friends of Pinney Branch Library. Volunteer as Job Mentor for young people. Mental health advocate and volunteer for HOPES (Helping Others Prevent and Educate about Suicide). Former Kennedy Little Girls Softball Coach, Member, La Follette H.S. Booster Club. Presenter, Leadership Great Madison, Chamber of Commerce.

Question 2: Yes. I would support legislation expanding the types of voter ID that citizens could use. However, my overall goal is the repeal of voter ID altogether. Supporters of Voter

ID have failed to make a case for it. In the 2008 presidential election, only 21 cases of improper voting were found, and even these were questionable because of mistakes made either by voters or poll workers. In 2008, the number of "fraudulent" voters compared to the total number of votes cast equaled .00004 percent. Voter ID is a thinly veiled attempt to suppress voters who traditionally vote for Democrats.

Question 3: Yes. I support using an independent, non-partisan body to redraw the lines following the Census for districts represented by elected officials at EVERY level of government. Unfortunately, and as history has shown, redistricting is far too important a job to be left to elected officials.

Question 4: Yes. Regarding campaign finance reform, I believe in total transparency. All sources of funding should be disclosed in all races. The notion that money is free speech in a democracy, as defined by a U.S. Supreme Court ruling, is nonsense because it gives those with more money more "free speech." Money has become too dominate in every aspect of our lives. It's no wonder that we live in a world that legally defines a corporation as a "person" and money as free speech. Government today is defined by The Golden Rule: Whoever has the money makes the rules.

Question 5: Yes. I believe that ALL elections should be publicly funded. What could be more important than seeing democracy work the way it should, without the corrupting and corrosive influence of money? We, as taxpayers, are spending \$10 BILLION A MONTH waging war in the Middle East. The highest purpose of our government should be to invest first in democracy.