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SEIU Wisconsin State Council Celebrates Primary Victories of Candidates Who Will Put Working People First

‘A victory for frontline workers and all working people in our state’

SEIU WI State Council Members Pledge to Elect Champions Come November

WISCONSIN—The Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Wisconsin State Council congratulates the candidates victorious in Tuesday’s primary election and celebrates the victories of its endorsed candidates in their contested races. In the lead-up to the primary election, SEIU Wisconsin State Council declared its support for the candidates, citing their commitment to a governing agenda that rewrites the rules and puts working people first.

SEIU Wisconsin State Council offers its congratulations to its endorsed candidates on their primary victories:

- Supreme Moore Omokunde, State Assembly District 17
- Samba Baldeh, State Assembly District 48
- Lisa Subeck, State Assembly District 78
- Kristina Shelton, State Assembly District 90
- LaTonya Johnson, State Senate District 6
- Melissa Sargent, State Senate District 16
- Kelda Roys, State Senate District 26
- Brad Pfaff, State Senate District 32

“Last night’s results were a victory for frontline workers and all working people in our state,” said **Brenda Fray, SEIU WI State Council President and hospital worker in Madison**. “Members of SEIU are pleased to see primary voters have chosen leaders who will look out for the interests of working people. These candidates earned our support and our votes for their commitment to passing policies to build worker power and raise wages and to ensure that Wisconsin can be a place where all can live with dignity and respect. In the months to come, our members look forward to mobilizing voters and doing all we can to support these candidates’ victory in November.”

Candidates endorsed by the SEIU Wisconsin State Council stated their commitment to key issues, including a \$15 minimum wage, restoration of union rights by repealing Act 10, and balancing the power between workers and bosses by creating sectoral bargaining tables. The service workers council also noted the candidates' commitment to expanding BadgerCare and working toward guaranteeing healthcare for all as a right of every Wisconsinite, breaking down systemic racism, and tackling climate change by putting Wisconsinites to work in good, union jobs transitioning our state to a clean energy economy.

Throughout the pandemic, members of SEIU local unions have been the essential workers keeping the state running and providing critical care and services, and have also been at the forefront of fighting for policies that prioritize the health, safety, and economic well being of working people.

Not only have these candidates committed to supporting key legislative demands like the Healthcare Heroes Act, but they have also shown they have a plan to address public health and safety challenges and ensure that working peoples' needs are met as the COVID-19 crisis continues, through the recovery and in the long-term.

For many months, SEIU WI State Council has spearheaded a voter engagement program, which is focused on mobilizing, educating and turning out SEIU members, their families and their communities, while expanding the electorate by turning out infrequent Wisconsin voters. In the lead-up to November's General Election, members and volunteers will turn up the dial on voter engagement and Get Out the Vote efforts.

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The Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Wisconsin State Council coordinates the legislative and political agenda for Wisconsin's eight SEIU locals. SEIU is the nation's largest and fastest growing union with 2.1 million members nationwide and over 10,000 members in Wisconsin. SEIU's membership is among the most diverse in the labor movement and includes public sector, building services and health care employees. The State Council is responsible for developing and implementing, in coordination with the international and state locals, a statewide electoral, lobbying, and communications program for SEIU.

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