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Party Leaders Endorse Walker for Governor

"Over 150 Party Leaders Give Campaign New Momentum."

[La Crosse, Wisconsin] Minutes after the final gavel hit the podium at the 2009 Republican State Convention in La Crosse, Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker rolled out another round of endorsements. Over 150 current and former party leaders announced their support for Walker. The group includes 75 percent of the current county chairman, 12 of the 16 district chairman and vice-chairman, and 2/3 of the state GOP Executive Committee. Friday Walker received the endorsement of 75 percent of elected GOP legislators.

Former State GOP Chair Brad Courtney was among the leaders who have pledged their support to Walker. "In 25 years as a GOP activist, I've never seen this level of grassroots enthusiasm and commitment behind one candidate so early in the cycle. With 17 months to go until the election, this display of unity is very good sign of things to come."

"Scott Walker walks the walk. He's exactly the kind of principled leader Wisconsin needs," said Crystal Berg who serves as chair of the party's 5th Congressional District.

National Committeeman and former Republican Party Chair Steve King was impressed with Walker's announcement tour and the organization he has already established. "Scott has put together an impressive team of staff and volunteers to kickoff his campaign. There is no question that Scott has what it takes to run a winning race."

Walker said he was humbled by the support of so many of the party's elected and grassroots leaders. "I'm thrilled to move this campaign forward with this wonderful team of people," Walker said.

Walker spokesman Keith Gilkes said the endorsements continue to roll in.

Listing of Current and Past Elected Officials with Title

Larry Arneson
Chair, Adams County

Phil Baker
Chair, Ashland County

David Holmes
Former Chair, Barron County

Bob Bullock
Chair, Bayfield County

Sandy Juno
Former Chair, Brown County

Jack Thraillkill
Chair, Buffalo County

Laurie Riemer
Chair, Burnett County

Paul Riemer
Former Chair, Burnett County

Ralph Prescott
Chair, Calumet County
Chair, 6th Congressional District

Joe Wieser
Former Chair, Calumet County

Ashley King
Chair, Chippewa County

Michelle Farrow
Former Chair, Chippewa County

Earl Hoffman
Chair, Clark County

Cliff Kutzner
Former Chair, Clark County

Tom Hoverstein
Chair, Columbia County

Mark Born
Former Chair, Dodge County

Carol Skorupan
Former Chair, Dane County

Tom O'Day
Former Chair, Dane County

Mary Ellen Ramstack
Former Chair, Door County
Former Chair, 8th Congressional District

Bill Berglund
Chair, Door County

Marc Savard
Former Chair, Door County

Craig Rosand
Chair, Douglas County

Karen Helenius
Former Chair, Douglas County

Brian Johnson
Former Chair, Douglas County

Richard Rust
Chair, Dunn County

Brian Westrate
Chair, Eau Claire County

Laurie Forcier
Former Chair, Eau Claire County

Dan Feyen
Chair, Fond du Lac County
Vice Chair, 6th Congressional District

Mike Hatch
Former Chair, Fond du Lac County

Holly Schwefel
Former Chair, Fond du Lac County

Mary Verich
Chair, Forest County

Dave Kuhle
Chair, Grant County

Jeff Curry
Former Chair, Grant County

Gary Luhman
Chair, Green County

Peggy Vetter
Former Chair, Green County

Bryan Holland
Former Chair, Green County

Janet Reabe
Chair, Green Lake County

Mike Bisbach
Chair, Iowa County

Steve Brody
Former Chair, Iowa County
Vice Chair, 3rd Congressional District

Tom Mueller
Former Chair, Iowa County

Jerry Sweeney
Chair, Jackson County

Matt Banaszynski
Chair, Jefferson County

Joe Hermany
Former Chair, Jefferson County

John Orton
Chair, Juneau County

Kathy Carpenter
Chair, Kenosha County

Cathy Bothe
Former Chair, Kenosha County

Dave Duecker
Former Chair, Kenosha County
Former Chair, 1st Congressional District

Bunny Burris
Former Chair, Kewaunee County

Dave Hutchison
Former Chair, Kewaunee County

Joe Schefchik
Chair, Kewaunee County

Tom Lynch
Chair, La Crosse County

Chris Muller
Former Chair, La Crosse County

Denise Dammen
Chair, La Fayette County

Mike Martin
Chair, Langlade County
Former Finance Chair, Republican Party of
Wisconsin

Dave Morse
Former Chair, Langlade County

Jim McGarigle
Chair, Lincoln County
Don Zimmer
Chair, Manitowoc County

Margaret Mueller
Former Chair, Manitowoc County

Joe Wachtel
Chair, Marathon County

Pat Rasmussen
Former Chair, Marathon County

Nancy Gustatson
Former Chair, Marinette County

John Christy
Chair, Monroe County

Jerry Nauman
Former Chair, Monroe County

David Karst
Chair, Milwaukee County

Bob Dohnal
Former Chair, Milwaukee County

John Hiller
Former Chair, Milwaukee County

Jay Hintze
Former Chair, Milwaukee County

Tom Kussow
Former Chair, Oconto County

Joyce Bant
Chair, Oneida County

Tom Tiffany
Former Chair, Oneida County

Dan Hoff
Chair, Outagamie County

Brian Murray
Former Chair, Outagamie County
Former Chair, WI Rep Young Professionals

Jim Konowalski
Chair, Ozaukee County

Lorraine Blaubach
Former Chair, Ozaukee County

Chris Duecker
Former Chair, Ozaukee County

Judy Frohboese
Former Chair, Ozaukee County

Barb Grossmeyer
Former Chair, Ozaukee County

Ben Pliskie
Former Chair, Ozaukee County

Dan Eastman
Former Chair, Ozaukee County

Dick Hartung
Chair, Polk County

Bruce Holmstadt
Chair, Pepin County

Sally Baecker
Former Chair, Pepin County

Kathy Olszewski
Chair, Portage County

Karen Dunham
Former Chair, Portage County

Ken Shibilski
Former Chair, Portage County

Mary Willett
Chair, Price County

Dona Poelman
Former Chair, Racine County

Scott Rausch
Former Chair, Racine County
Carol Marosz-Hunstiger
Chair, Richland County

Carol Clausius
Former Chair, Richland County
Former Vice Chair, 2nd Congressional District

Jim Olson
Chair, Rock County

Jan Deters
Former Chair, Rock County

Don Hilbig
Former Chair, Rock County

Travis Ewer
Chair, Rusk County

Don Hansen
Former Chair, Rusk County

Curt Scheer
Former Chair, Sawyer County

Tim McCumber
Chair, Sauk County

Lance Burri
Former Chair, Sauk County

Aaron Powell
Former Chair, Sauk County

Shirl LaBarre
Chair, Sawyer County

Mike Leibham
Chair, Sheboygan County

Dave Gass
Former Chair, Sheboygan County

Russ Otten
Former Chair, Sheboygan County

Rod Nelson
Former Chair, Sheboygan County
Former Chair, 6th Congressional District

Jesse Garza
Chair, St. Croix County

Lori Bernard
Former Chair, St. Croix County

Dean Knutson
Former Chair, St. Croix County

Carl Kelz
Chair, Taylor County

Kay Evenson
Former Chair, Trempeleau County

Adrian Hendrickson
Chair, Vernon County

Janet Shipper
Former Chair, Vernon County

Jim Knuth
Chair, Vilas County

Ryan Wrasse
Former Chair, Vilas County
Past Chair, Wisconsin College Republicans

Bud Holt
Former Chair, Vilas County

Bill Bosworth
Former Chair, Walworth County

Dan Hubin
Chair, Washburn County

Jim Geldreich
Chair, Washington County

Jan Baldock
Former Chair, Washington County

Roger Kist
Former Chair, Washington County

Roger Cross
Former Chair, Waupaca County

Linda Cross
Former Chair, Waupaca County

Ron Reynolds
Former Chair, Waupaca County

Marv Wagner
Chair, Waushara County

Todd Peters
Chair, Winnebago County

Amy Resop
Former Chair, Winnebago County

Michelle Litjens
Former Chair, Winnebago County
Vice Chair, 6th Congressional District

Tim Knoblach
Chair, Wood County

Dave Ecke
Former Chair, Wood County

Tyler August
Chair, 1st Congressional District

Bob Geason
Vice Chair, 1st Congressional District

Greg Holding
Former Vice Chair, 1st Congressional District

Maripat Kruger
Chair, 3rd Congressional District

Steve Brody
Vice Chair, 3rd Congressional District

Gary Arneson
Former Past Chair, 3rd Congressional District

Dennis Shaw
Former Past Chair, 3rd Congressional District

Bob Spindell
Chair, 4th Congressional District

Doug Haag
Vice Chair, 4th Congressional District

Crystal Berg
Chair, 5th Congressional District

Trent Jay
Former Chair, 5th Congressional District

Curt David
Vice Chair, 5th Congressional District

Don Grothe
Former Chair, 6th Congressional District

Don Zahalka
Former Chair, 6th Congressional District

Sean Duffy
Chair, 7th Congressional District

Mike Monson
Vice Chair, 7th Congressional District

Shirley Kaufman
Former Chair, 8th Congressional District

Bill Ross
Former Chair, 8th Congressional District

Perfecto Rivera
Chair, Wisconsin Heritage Council

Dave Hyde
Former Chair, Wisconsin Republican Labor
Council

John Rudig
Former Chair, Wisconsin Republican Labor
Council

Cathy Stepp
Former State Senator, 21st State Senate
District

Dave Anderson
Secretary, Republican Party of Wisconsin

Troy Fullerton
4th Vice Chair, Republican Party of Wisconsin

Todd Lohenry
3rd Vice Chair, Republican Party of Wisconsin
Former Chair, Kewaunee County

Edy Cooper
Former 2nd Vice Chair, Republican Party of
Wisconsin
Former Women's Chair

Jim Barry
Former Finance Chair, Republican Party of
Wisconsin

Sol Grosskopf
Chair, Wisconsin College Republicans

Steve Ranis
Personal Endorsement, Pierce County

Dave Anderson
Personal Endorsement, Trempeleau County