

# Working Families Party: Congratulates Cory Mason on Primary victory

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RACINE – Tonight, the Wisconsin Working Families Party applauds Cory Mason for his first place finish in the primary election for Racine Mayor. Wisconsin Working Families Party assisted Mason’s campaign with strategic political support, including field, policy, and coalition building. Mason now moves on to the general election on October 17.

“Cory Mason has the experience and progressive vision to move Racine forward. His advocacy for higher wages for city workers and contractors, his support for public education, and his innovative ideas about job creation, including green jobs, resonated with voters,” said Marina Dimitrijevic, executive director of Wisconsin Working Families Party. “By endorsing Cory, Working Families Party signaled to our members and partners that he is the working families champion.”

An avid supporter of public education, Mason is fighting against Republican state lawmakers’ attempt to segregate Racine’s schools, creating a system of separate and unequal education for area students. As mayor, Cory Mason is committed to creating a \$15 minimum wage for all municipal employees and contractors doing business with the city.

“I’m grateful to Wisconsin Working Families Party for their political acumen, field expertise, and community connections,” said Cory Mason. “I look forward to working together in the general election and as mayor to move our working families forward.”

This victory is a testament to Wisconsin Working Families Party's political pull after expanding to southeastern Wisconsin to elect strong, people-powered progressives.

A lifelong Racine resident, Mason has represented Racine in the Wisconsin State Legislature since 2006. In the Assembly, Mason serves on the Committee on Environment and Forestry, Committee on Tourism, the Joint Legislative Council, and the Joint Survey Committee on Retirement Systems. He is the chair of the Great Lakes Legislative Caucus and serves on several other environmental boards. Along with Wisconsin Working Families Party, Mason has been endorsed by UAW Region 4, AFT Local 212, Racine Education Association, and others.

Wisconsin Working Families Party is the state affiliate of the Working Families Party, a national political organization that is recruiting, training, and electing the next generation of progressive leaders to office. WFP wins so far this year include the Democratic primary victory of Philadelphia's next District Attorney Larry Krasner, helping elect the new Mayor of Jackson, MS, Chokwe Lumumba, a sweep of school board races in Milwaukee, and special election victories for progressive leaders running for state legislature in New York, Connecticut, and Rhode Island.