

Barnes campaign: Planned Parenthood Advocates of Wisconsin endorses Mandela Barnes for lieutenant governor

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Madison: The Mandela Barnes campaign is pleased to announce that Planned Parenthood Advocates of Wisconsin (PPAWI) has endorsed our campaign for Lieutenant Governor. PPAWI endorses candidates who support access to family planning services and believe a woman should be able to make her own health care decisions without political interference. The endorsement comes at a critical time for Wisconsin Democrats, who are in the strongest position in a decade to retake control of the governorship, attorney general, and at least one branch of the state legislature. In such a heated midterm year, it's important that the Lieutenant Governor candidate energizes new voters, as well as voters who may have stayed home in 2016. That's just what Mandela plans to do. Said Barnes regarding the announcement:

"I am thrilled to receive Planned Parenthood's endorsement. I truly believe that the Planned Parenthood platform of supporting gender equality, safe and legal abortion services, access to birth control, health care equity, the prevention of sexual assault and harassment, and reliable and accurate reproductive education is what we as Democrats must be promoting nationwide to ensure that women have what they need to feel safe and healthy. I will do everything I can as Lieutenant Governor to

promote policies that empower women and defend reproductive rights.”

Nicole Safar, Executive Director of Planned Parenthood Advocates of Wisconsin, stated:

“Planned Parenthood Advocates of Wisconsin is proud to stand with Mandela Barnes in his bid for Lt. Governor. Mandela has been a longtime champion of women’s access to healthcare and economic and social justice. He understands how the issues fit together and is always there for PPAWI when we call on him. As both an organizer and a state representative, Mandela’s work to protect access to the full range of reproductive health care has been critical to PPWI and the patients it serves.”

Planned Parenthood is a trusted health care provider, informed educator, passionate advocate, and global partner, helping similar organizations around the world. It delivers vital reproductive health care, sex education, and information to millions of women, men, and young people worldwide. The Planned Parenthood Action Fund works to advance access to sexual health care and defend reproductive rights.

Mandela Barnes is a former 2-term state legislator, community organizer, and policy professional from Milwaukee. He is seeking the Democratic nomination for Lieutenant Governor in the August 14th primary election. More information is available at www.mandelabarnes.com.