

# Barnes campaign: Working Families Party endorses Mandela Barnes for Lt. gov

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*Barnes is the first statewide candidate in Wisconsin to be endorsed by WFP for the Fall 2018 elections*

Milwaukee: In their first endorsement for statewide office in Wisconsin's 2018 fall elections, the Working Families Party (WFP) has endorsed Mandela Barnes for Lieutenant Governor. The early 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 the endorsement of the Working Families Party. Corporations have written the rules for far too long in our state, and inequality has increased as a result. To win in November, it will take ideas, energy and organizing. I truly believe that the WFP platform of supporting public education, racial justice, a healthy environment, equality for women, LGBT rights, healthcare for all, and a living-wage economy is what we as Democrats must be promoting nationwide if we are going to take our country back from the wealthy corporate elites who keep folks

like Scott Walker and Paul Ryan in power. I will do everything I can as Lieutenant Governor to promote policies that put people before profits.”

Rebecca Lynch, Political Director of Wisconsin WFP, stated:

“Wisconsin Working Families Party is proud to endorse Mandela Barnes for Lieutenant Governor. A member of our Working Families National Committee, Mandela is the dynamic candidate we need to lead the fight to rebuild Wisconsin’s middle class and join the ticket that will defeat Scott Walker. Mandela’s bold, progressive platform and his record as a legislator and leader on policy innovation make him the clear choice.”

WFP is a coalition of grassroots organizations, union activists, and progressive elected officials that advocates for progressive reform across the United States. They combine issue advocacy, campaign work, and grassroots organizing to fight for an economy that works for all people, not just the wealthy, well-connected, or corporate special interests.

Mandela Barnes is a former state legislator, community organizer, and policy professional. He is running for Lieutenant Governor to restore and expand opportunity for all Wisconsinites.