

Common Cause in Wisconsin: 2018 statewide and state legislative candidates who support ending partisan gerrymandering in Wisconsin

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On August 30th, CC/WI [issued a press release](#) announcing that we would be posting the names of the statewide and state legislative candidates in 2018 who support ending partisan gerrymandering in Wisconsin.

Since that time we have heard from, or know that two statewide candidates, 33 candidates for state representative to serve in the Wisconsin State Assembly, and eight candidates for the Wisconsin State Senate support non-partisan redistricting reform and, specifically, the “Iowa Plan.”

To view that listing now, [go here](#) on the CC/WI website.

During the 2017-2018 Legislative Session, non-partisan redistricting reform was the leading political reform initiative in the media and among citizens throughout Wisconsin. CC/WI helped unite pro-reform legislators and citizens behind a single measure - [Assembly Bill 44/Senate Bill 13](#) - that is modeled after Iowa’s highly

successful, 38-year-old redistricting process that takes the partisan politics out of redistricting and delegates the boundary-drawing to a non-partisan state entity that does *not* utilize partisan political considerations in their task.

This issue has received the unprecedented endorsement of 19 Wisconsin daily newspaper editorial boards and thousands of citizens expressed their support for ending gerrymandering in letters to editors, communications to legislators and by attending one of numerous “reform forums” CC/WI and other organizations organized over 2017-2018 in every part of Wisconsin.

While the legislative leadership continues to oppose this reform and refused to hold even a public hearing during the past legislative session, redistricting reform will be very much an issue during the current election season. The citizens of this state overwhelmingly support this needed common sense reform and it is now a front and center election issue this Fall.

We wanted to make it simple and easy for Wisconsin voters to see which state legislative and statewide candidates support the non-partisan redistricting reform embodied in the “Iowa Plan” by providing [an updated list of those candidates on our website](#).

Any statewide or state legislative candidate (or their authorized proxy) who supports the “Iowa Plan” and would like to see their name listed on our site should contact CC/WI by phone at (608) 256-2686 (leave a message if no answer), by [email](#) or by letter: CC/WI, P.O. Box 2597, Madison, WI 53701-2597.

Citizens can urge candidates to support non-partisan redistricting reform and request that they get their names on this list. *Candidates must be pro-active to have their names appear on this site!*

We will update the list constantly and have published a link to it [in the sidebar of our website](#) for anyone to check to see who is on it and therefore in support of the Iowa Plan.

There is more that you can do to advance non-partisan redistricting reform in Wisconsin in the next few months. First, you can [download and print the postcard sized information sheet](#) with questions to ask state legislative and statewide candidates at candidate forums and to distribute to your friends and

family to do the same.

Challenging candidates in person or through the media to support redistricting reform is very powerful and effective.

Second, if you haven't done so yet, [**please "sign" the online petition in support of the "Iowa Plan" for Wisconsin**](#) and urge friends and family to do so as well. We already have about 4,000 "signatures" and would love to have well over 5,000 to present to the new Wisconsin Legislature, after the election, in early 2019.

Let's make ending partisan gerrymandering a central focus during this election season and finally achieve the redistricting process Wisconsin voters of all political persuasions want and deserve.