

# Mitchell campaign: Announces Raising Nearly \$310,000 in 7 Weeks, Reports \$242,000 in Cash on Hand

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Today, Mahlon Mitchell's campaign for governor announced that it has raised nearly \$310,000 in just 7 weeks. Additionally, his campaign reported having \$242,000 in cash on hand.

The news comes in the wake of multiple high-profile endorsements of Mitchell's candidacy- from Congresswoman Gwen Moore, Dane County Sheriff Dave Mahoney, Amalgamated Transit Union Local 998, International Association of Firefighters, Professional Firefighters of Wisconsin, and Operating Engineers Local 139, who had previously supported Scott Walker's candidacy.

"I'm honored by the support we have been able to generate in such a short time," Mitchell said. "I plan to have the resources to take on and defeat Scott Walker in November. As I meet with voters all across this great state, one thing is clear: they are ready for change. Scott Walker has had eight long years to lead- and he has failed to do so. I'm running for governor because it's time for new leadership- leadership that turns the page on Walker's divisiveness and brings Wisconsinites together to build a better future for our state."

## **About Mahlon Mitchell:**

Mahlon Mitchell was born in Milwaukee and grew up in Delavan, Wisconsin. He now lives with his wife, April and two children, Sie'anna and Karson, in Fitchburg.

Mahlon followed in his older brother's footsteps when he became a fire fighter in

Madison twenty years ago. His two brothers are fire fighters in Atlanta and St. Paul. These careers came out of a family that instilled values of service and working for others.

This sense of service is also exemplified in Mahlon's other activities. He was a counselor at the Wisconsin Alliance for Fire Safety's Burn Camp, which he also directed for five years. This summer camp worked with burn-injured youth to help them cope with their unique situation and build a network of support.

Mahlon also worked as a street outreach coordinator with Briarpatch and Youth Services of Southern Wisconsin, where he linked at-risk youth with services from their community.

Recently, Mahlon was instrumental to passing two pieces of legislation that were a huge victory for fire fighters across the state. The Infectious Disease Presumption fought to make sure fire fighters are covered if they contract a disease or disability on the job. Additionally, the legislature passed a bill that ensures families and spouses of fire fighters who die in the line of duty will have their health insurance premiums covered.

When the fight over collective bargaining began in 2011, Mahlon led the fire fighters in a monumental stand of solidarity with other public servants. Despite being exempted from the bill, Mahlon and his fellow fire fighters marched on the Capitol with fellow working families that were threatened by the Budget Repair Bill.

Mahlon took the opportunity to travel the state as a fire fighter spreading the words about Scott Walker's divisive policies.

In addition to his service in the community, Mahlon was a real estate agent for six years at First Weber in Madison. He currently serves as President of the Professional Fire Fighters of Wisconsin, being the youngest and first African American to serve in the post.