

Rock County Progressives: Kelda Roys and Paul Soglin: Meet candidates for governor

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"We are excited about the historic range of choice in the upcoming Wisconsin Governor's race," said Chuck Ogg of the Rock County Progressives. "Our second 'meet the candidates' will include Kelda Roys, small business owner, former state representative, attorney, and Paul Soglin, the longest serving mayor in Madison's history. This will be a friendly setting in which to get to know the candidates, not a debate.

"This event will be held on Wednesday, July 11, at *The Community Room, 1711 Lodge Drive in Janesville, at 6:00 PM. This event is free and open to the public."

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* In Basics Natural Foods Cooperative, they request we please use "The Community Room"

RockCountyProgressives.com, also on Facebook

The Rock County Progressives are a nonpartisan organization whose mission is to promote education and activism around progressive issues in Rock County. We usually have educational forms every second Wednesday of each month.

Additional Information:

Highlights from <https://keldaforgovernor.com/>

Kelda Roys is a small business owner, former state representative, attorney. CEO & Founder of OpenHomes, a real estate startup serving residents in 41 Wisconsin counties.

A mom and stepmom of 4 girls, Born in Marshfield and raised in Medford and Madison,

As vice-chair of the Committee on Health and Healthcare Reform, Kelda expanded health coverage to over 80,000 previously uninsured Wisconsinites. Kelda authored the BPA Free Kids Act, to stop the neurotoxin bisphenol A from being put in baby bottles.

As executive director of NARAL Pro-Choice Wisconsin for four years, Helped Wisconsin pass its first pro-choice law in three decades, the Compassionate Care for Rape Victims Act. Kelda also worked on initiatives to reduce infant mortality and the need for abortion, and to decrease racial disparities in health care.

Kelda has also served on many boards including the ACLU of Wisconsin, TEMPO Madison, Common Cause, Wisconsin Women's Council, Citizen Action of Wisconsin, Madison Repertory

Rep. Roys was elected Democratic Caucus Chair by her fellow state representatives, where she helped lead the opposition to Walker's attack on workers during the historic Act 10 protests.

Kelda earned her law degree from the University of Wisconsin, where she worked for the Wisconsin Innocence Project, helping free wrongfully convicted people from prison.

Highlights from <https://paulsoglinforgovernor.com/>

Paul Soglin is the longest serving mayor in Madison's history, spanning four decades.

Stood with Senator Gaylord Nelson on the first Earth Day.

Graduated University of Wisconsin-Madison with a law degree

Beginning his long history of being active, in high school he joined in “sympathetic boycotts” at the Woolworth store in downtown Chicago.

On the UW Campus, Soglin participated in the 1967 demonstrations against the Dow Chemical Company, manufacturers of Agent Orange. Beaten by police during the demonstrations, Soglin was elected to lead the subsequent student strike.

Paul was elected to Madison’s Common Council in 1968. He was re-elected in 1970 and 1972.

He was first elected Mayor of Madison in 1973. Elected twice more in the 1970’s, Soglin served as Madison’s mayor until 1979. In 1975, Mayor Soglin gave the key to the city to Cuban Prime Minister Fidel Castro.

From 1979 to 1980, Soglin was a fellow at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

After working for nearly a decade as a lawyer in Madison, Soglin returned to elected office in 1989, serving three additional terms as Madison mayor until 1997.

For 15 years, Paul worked as a financial advisor at Lincoln Financial; as the administrator at Epic Systems

He taught at the LaFollette School of Public Affairs.

In 2011, Soglin again ran for Mayor of Madison, winning a close race against a two-term incumbent, and was re-elected by a record setting margin in 2015.