

Voces de la Frontera: Sweeping victories for Immigrant Rights Movement in Wisconsin primary elections

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MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN — Tuesday's Wisconsin primary elections saw sweeping victories for candidates who made resistance to Trump's attacks on immigrant families central to their platforms. In Milwaukee County, Earnell Lucas defeated ex-Sheriff David Clarke's longtime assistant Richard Schmidt in a race that became a referendum on collaboration between the Milwaukee Sheriff's Office and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). In Congressional District 1, Randy Bryce became the Democratic nominee for Congress after advocating for a bold agenda that included Medicare for All, tuition-free public college, and the abolition of ICE. Marisabel Cabrera also won the Democratic nomination for State Assembly District 9. Cabrera serves on the Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission, where she forcefully opposed efforts to change Milwaukee Police Department Standard Operating Procedures to remove protections against investigation into immigration status. Voces de la Frontera Action endorsed all three candidates.

"Lucas', Bryce's, and Cabrera's victories show broad support for sanctuary policies and for a bold, pro-immigrant, pro-worker agenda," said Christine Neumann-Ortiz, Executive Director of Voces de la Frontera Action. "Tony Evers supports legislation to restore driver licenses to Wisconsin immigrant residents, which is especially important because ICE is targeting people stopped for driving without a license for deportation. We will phone bank, canvass voters, and do all that we can to elect candidates on November 6, 2018, who will put a stop to Trump's white nationalist campaign of terror against immigrant families."