

Wisconsin Working Families Party: Endorses Nikiya Dodd for Milwaukee alderwoman

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Nikiya Dodd will be a working families champion on the Milwaukee Common Council

MILWAUKEE — Wisconsin Working Families Party today announced their support for Nikiya Dodd in her run for the Milwaukee Common Council, Fifth District Aldermanic seat. The Party recently scored significant victories for progressive candidates in the August 14 primaries, including lieutenant governor candidate Mandela Barnes, Milwaukee County sheriff candidate Earnell Lucas, Sarah Godlewski, the Democratic nominee for state treasurer, and Randy Bryce, who won the Democratic nomination in Wisconsin's first congressional district. The politically potent organization made strategic primary endorsements to ensure that the most progressive candidates are on the general election ballot to challenge Republicans and win. The Party will provide people power to endorsed campaigns, mobilizing volunteers and members to put boots on the ground to educate voters.

Nikiya Dodd served on the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors from 2010 through 2012 where she led the effort to separate the House of Correction from the sheriff's budget, resulting in the implementation and restoration of inmate treatment and diversion programming for non-violent offenders while saving millions of taxpayer dollars. Dodd was also a member of the Wisconsin State Senate, representing the 6th Senate District from 2013-2017. In the state legislature, she pushed for an increase in the minimum wage, access to job training, and affordable healthcare. She also put forth initiatives to repair Milwaukee's foreclosure crisis and reform Wisconsin's criminal justice system and mental health

system. She will face Matthew Elder, who received 19 percent of the primary vote compared to her 46 percent, in the November general election.

“Nikiya has a strong record of leadership on the issues that affect Milwaukee families like the need for higher wages and more resources for public education,” said Marina Dimitrijevic, state director of Wisconsin Working Families Party. “We need more champions in local government to fight back the Republican assaults on our city. We can count on Nikiya Dodd to stand up to racial injustices, attacks on workers’ rights, and support economic development that benefits the many not just the few.”

“I am honored to receive the endorsement of the Wisconsin Working Families Party,” said Dodd. “As a working mother I know firsthand the challenges our city faces in ensuring that everyone is guaranteed the opportunity and resources needed to succeed. As alderwoman I will fight for higher wages, workers’ rights, and quality public education for all families.”