

Biden Campaign: Days before election, Hall of Fame Packers coach Mike Holmgren takes to Wisconsin airwaves to back Biden

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Today, while President Trump held a rally in Green Bay, former Packers Hall of Fame Coach Mike Holmgren took to Wisconsin's airwaves to slam the President's unwillingness and inability to control the pandemic, which has claimed over 2,000 lives in Wisconsin and left thousands jobless. Coach Holmgren also called on Wisconsinites to vote for Joe Biden because he will be a president for all Americans and has a plan to beat this pandemic, reopen safely, and build back better.

On [WHBY "Fresh Take"](#):

"I've never done this before — where I've openly spoken out for a candidate. But I felt I just had to... I'm tired of the dishonesty... Just look at how it's affected the city of Green Bay. Had it been handled properly — the virus as an example — from the very, very beginning, maybe some of these tremendous losses wouldn't have taken place, maybe you'd have some people in the stadium, maybe small businesses wouldn't have to suffer quite so much. It hasn't been handled correctly. It's been handled very dishonestly... It didn't have to be this bad... Make sure you vote and you vote taking the information in and understanding both sides, and then just trying to make an intelligent decision. I think the only intelligent decision in this particular election is Vice President Biden."

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“I just felt I had to do something... do whatever I could to help Vice President Biden get elected... I’ve never done it before, probably won’t do it ever again. But this year is different. It didn’t have to be this bad. And now we’ve got to fix it... If you haven’t voted, vote.”

Coach Holmgren also previously penned [an op-ed](#) in the Wisconsin State Journal outlining how President Trump’s failure to manage the coronavirus is hurting the city of Green Bay and why it is time “to take President Trump off the field.”



Wisconsin State Journal: [Mike Holmgren: Vote to take President Trump off the field](#)

In more than three decades of coaching, I’ve come to learn one thing: You cannot be afraid to take a player off the field if it will help the team.

Donald Trump said he alone could fix the challenges facing our country. But as we’ve seen during these past four years, he’s in over his head — and we’re all paying the price for that. It’s time to take President Trump off the field.

Months into this pandemic, coronavirus cases are continuing to skyrocket in Wisconsin. More than 1,500 Wisconsinites have lost their lives to the pandemic. Green Bay, a city I love dearly, is seeing some of the highest infection rates in the country. Hospitals are overflowing, people are hurting, and families are needlessly suffering. More than 4,000 fewer people in Green Bay are employed now, compared to when President Trump took office. Far too many small businesses have had to close their doors for good. And the heart and soul of Green Bay — our game days with thousands of fans at Lambeau Field — are no more.

President Trump’s failure to mount a forceful response to the coronavirus pandemic will go down as one of the most consequential failures of government in American history. In Green Bay alone, the indefinite hold on fans at Lambeau Field — yet another consequence of President Trump’s failed leadership — is proving devastating to Green Bay’s small businesses. Each Packers home game provides \$15 million in economic impacts to the city of Green Bay — but not this year.

Worse yet, it didn't have to be this bad. President Trump knew in February how dangerous the virus was, but he wasted precious time downplaying the threat and dismissing it as a hoax. He lied to the American people and failed to lead at every turn. Nine months into the pandemic and as cases skyrocket in the Green Bay region and across Wisconsin, he still doesn't have a plan to get this pandemic under control and to help our communities reopen safely, effectively and sustainably.

Joe Biden does. Biden has a real plan to beat this pandemic, the experience to help us build back better, and the empathy to help our country heal. He and President Obama successfully protected our country from the Ebola outbreak, and helped our country recover after the Great Recession in 2008. Biden is the leader we need to move our country forward.

But make no mistake: This election is going to be close. Every single one of us needs to do our part. Wisconsin has given me and my family too much for me to sit on the sidelines and watch President Trump move the state backward. That's why I'll be voting early for Biden, and you should too. The stakes are too high this time for any one of us to sit on the sidelines.

With only days remaining, consider this the two-minute warning in the fourth quarter. Go to iwillvote.com/WI and make a plan to vote early. Then tell your family and at least five of your friends to do the same.

Let's get it done, Wisconsin.