

# Cabrera beats back primary challenge

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Freshman state Rep. Marisabel Cabrera, D-Milwaukee, beat back a primary challenge Tuesday.

Meanwhile, three Dems in open deep blue seats all but guaranteed they'll join the Assembly after the fall election.

Cabrera won 62.3 percent of the vote over Christian Saldivar, a 30-year-old caregiver, according to unofficial returns posted by the Milwaukee Election Commission. Her win comes two years after she beat then-Rep. Josh Zepnick in a Dem primary.

Cabrera will face Republican Veronica Diaz in November.

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In other Milwaukee-area primaries:

\*Milwaukee County Board Supv. Sylvia Ortiz-Velez edged JoAnna Bautch, a director at Citizen Action of Wisconsin and sister of outgoing Rep. JoCasta Zammarripa. Ortiz-Velez had 901 votes, or 53 percent, while Bautch had 793, or 46.7 percent.

Ortiz-Velez will face Republican Angel Sanchez in November for the Dem seat.

\*Dora Drake, whom Rep. Jason Fields, D-Milwaukee, endorsed to replace him in the heavily Dem 11th AD, won her four-way primary with nearly 50 percent of the vote. Tomika Vukovic, a Glendale alderwoman, was second at nearly 26 percent.

\*Supreme Moore Omokunde, a Milwaukee County supervisor and son of U.S. Rep. Gwen Moore, easily won the 17th AD Dem primary against Chris Walton, chair of the

Milwaukee County Dem Party, and Mike Brox, a former teacher who served as Moore's field director.

Omokunde captured 48.5 percent of the vote, while Walton was at 35.2 percent and Brox was at 16.1 percent.

Omokunde faces Republican Abie Eisenbach in the general election.

\*In the 14th AD GOP primary, Bonnie Lee, the director of outreach for Northwest Baptist Church, cruised to the Republican nomination to take on freshman Rep. Robyn Vining, D-Wauwatosa.

According to unofficial results, Lee captured 69 percent of the vote over Linda Boucher, a former teacher and member of the Elmbrook School Board, and Steven Shevey, an electrician.