

Green Party Wisconsin: Party VP candidate Angela Walker returns to Milwaukee to get ballot signatures

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Green Party vice-presidential nominee Angela Walker will host a “socially distant petitioning and safe hugs” event Saturday, July 25th from 11AM to 6PM at the Washington High School playground, 2525 N Sherman Blvd.

Walker, a Milwaukee native currently living in Florence, SC, was nominated July 11 by the Green Party as Howie Hawkins’ running mate. The pair was also nominated by the Socialist Party USA earlier this year.

In her first run for public office in 2014, Walker challenged then-Sheriff David Clarke as an independent socialist, getting 20% of the vote. Photos and more biographical information are at the campaign website: <https://howiehawkins.us/about--angela-walker/>.

Announcing [Saturday's event on Facebook](#), Walker laid out its importance. “Howie and I need 4000 signatures to be on the ballot in Wisconsin. I need y’all’s help.” Hand sanitizer and wipes will be on hand, and Walker will wear a mask to protect those coming to the event. “I can come to your car windows if you are concerned about being out,” she said.

Wisconsin election officials have ignored the Wisconsin Green Party’s request for relief in getting ballot access requirements due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The party has had its presidential nominees on the Wisconsin general election ballot in every cycle since 1996.

Hawkins-Walker supporters need to collect at least 2000 validated signatures from

eligible voters between July 1 and August 4 to win a place on the November 3 ballot.. While voters were allowed to “sign” nomination papers in the Portable Document Format (PDF) for legislative candidates for the fall election, this method has not been approved for presidential tickets.

Hawkins and Walker represent a working-class alternative to the corporate parties. Hawkins, a retired Teamster from Syracuse, NY has been running on the Green New Deal platform in his races for New York governor since 2010. Walker drove a Milwaukee County Transit System bus before serving as Amalgamated Transit Union Local 998 legislative director.