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Johnson declares victory in 6th SD Dem primary, slams Taylor for “retaliation”

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State Sen. LaTonya Johnson told WisPolitics.com she is declaring victory in the race to retain her seat against Michelle Bryant, fellow Milwaukee Dem state Sen. Lena Taylor’s chief of staff.

With all precincts reporting, Johnson won 80.4 percent of the vote.

“I am so grateful and thankful for these results because this was clearly a race run out of retaliation,” Johnson said just before 9 p.m.

The Milwaukee Dem said she believed Bryant jumped into the 6th SD primary in retribution after Johnson replaced Taylor on the powerful Joint Finance Committee and chose to endorse longtime Mayor Tom Barrett over Taylor in the Milwaukee mayoral race earlier this year.

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“I’m ecstatic that my district stood behind me,” Johnson said.

She is set to face Republican Alciro Deacon for the heavily Dem seat in November.