

Lemmer campaign: Madison City Council member announces run for Wisconsin State Assembly

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Madison City Alder Lindsay Lemmer announced today that she is a candidate for the Wisconsin State Assembly, District 48. That district, which covers areas in Madison's east and north sides, is currently represented by Rep. Melissa Sargent, who is leaving the Assembly to run for State Senate. A primary election will be held on August 11, 2020 with the general election scheduled for November 3, 2020.

"This district includes some of the fastest growing areas in Madison, is home to important natural resources that need protection, and areas that have developed quickly and require state investment to make long overdue infrastructure improvements," Alder Lemmer said. "My work in the Assembly will be a continuation of my work as a City Council member: prioritizing the issues that matter to the people I represent and finding solutions that make their lives better and our community stronger."

Seven current and former elected officials have already announced their support for Lemmer: current alders Shiva Bidar, Keith Furman, Arvina Martin, Patrick Heck and Rebecca Kemble; former alder Lauren Cnare; and County Board supervisor Kristen Audet.

Alder and Council president Shiva Bidar said, "Alder Lemmer will be an important addition to our State Legislature. She understands policy, she knows how to work collaboratively to get things done, and she is dedicated to serving the people she represents. She has my enthusiastic support."

As an alder, Lemmer has worked to advance crucial service and transportation needs of her district. She's championed equity initiatives and worked to improve civic engagement and access to government for Madison residents. She serves on the Plan Commission, Housing Strategy Committee, the Board of Public Health for Madison and Dane County, Board of Health Budget Committee, the President's Work Group to Review Communication Tools and Processes, and Public Market Development Committee.

Lemmer's commitment to public service is extensive. A long time member of The National Organization for Women, she previously served as NOW's Madison president and is the current president of the Wisconsin chapter. As the leader of communications efforts for the Dane County Voter ID Coalition, a team of groups led by the League of Women Voters and the NAACP, Lemmer created outreach materials to help people register and vote. Lemmer is a member of United Faculty and Academic Staff, AFT 223. She also served as the volunteer marketing and communications lead for Heartland Farm Sanctuary, which provides animal assisted therapy programs for children with special needs and at-risk youth.

"We need a proven leader and a fighter in the Assembly, who will stand up for funding our public schools and universities, for safe drinking water, for safer roads, and improved infrastructure. I'm ready to go to work for the people of the 48th district and I'm going to work hard to earn their votes," Lemmer said.

A Madison native, Lemmer has a Masters of Business Administration from Edgewood College and received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2005. She and her partner Adam Hills-Meyer live in the Heritage Heights neighborhood on Madison's eastside.

Lemmer's campaign website will be launched in the coming days, at LindsayforAssembly.com. You can also follow the campaign at facebook.com/lindsayforassembly/ and instagram.com/lindsayforassembly/.