

# Zimbars, Driscoll campaigns: Announce Virtual Town Hall on Sexual Assault to mark the end of Sexual Assault Awareness Month

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Madison, WI — As part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, two Democratic Assembly candidates will be hosting a virtual Town Hall to discuss issues relating to sexual violence in Wisconsin on Thursday, April 30 at 5:30 pm. Nate Zimdars, candidate for Assembly District 41, of Ripon and Heather Driscoll, candidate for Assembly District 76, of Madison both share a common desire in addressing the issue of sexual violence head on.

They will be joined by others who have been active in trying to prevent sexual violence in Wisconsin, and advocating for victims. April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. 1 in 3 women, 1 in 6 men, and half of all transgender adults have experienced a form of sexual violence in their lifetime.

This Town Hall will be conducted on Zoom on Thursday, April 30 at 5:30pm. In addition to the candidates, Micah Henning, past President of the Board of Directors for the Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault and a representative from the Sexual Assault Service Provider ASTOP will be on the call to share information and answer questions. People interested in joining should sign up at [www.heatherdriscoll.com](http://www.heatherdriscoll.com) or at [www.zimdarsforwisconsin.com](http://www.zimdarsforwisconsin.com).

Together, Driscoll and Zimdars hope that this will be an opportunity for voters to share their concerns, learn more about how sexual assault is affecting Wisconsinites, provide information for those affected and discuss various legislative initiatives that are connected to the issue. In 2018, Driscoll was one of the lead organizers of the Take Back the Night march and rally at the Wisconsin Capitol and, later that year through Women's March, she organized a rally outside of Sen. Ron Johnson's office the day of Dr. Christine Ford's hearing. At the rally,

Heather described her personal experience of sexual assault, delivered a petition with hundreds of signatures demanding Johnson vote no on Kavanaugh, and led a small group of survivors in a meeting with Sen. Johnson's legislative director.

"We are hosting this forum to bring attention to this important issue. We will talk openly about our own experiences and advocacy, and provide information from experts about where to seek help." Driscoll said.

Zimdars added, "This is an issue that affects everyone regardless of gender, sexual orientation or socioeconomic status. I believe that as a male survivor of sexual assault, I have an important voice to share. We all have a role to play in ending sexual violence and understanding the issue is the first step."

Zimdars first began sexual assault awareness advocacy in 2016 when he launched an awareness campaign, "Run Nate Run", across Wisconsin to raise money to support the Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault's Paths to Healing Conference, a conference designed to support male survivors of sexual assault. He is currently the Vice President of the Board of Directors for the Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault. People interested in joining should RSVP at [www.heatherdriscoll.com](http://www.heatherdriscoll.com) or at [www.zimdarsforwisconsin.com](http://www.zimdarsforwisconsin.com).