

# Kemp campaign: Chad Kemp (D-Verona) announces his candidacy for the 80th Assembly District

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Chad Kemp, D-Verona, announces his candidacy for the 80th Assembly District seat, following the recent retirement of Representative Sondy Pope (D-Mt. Horeb). Chad would like to thank Representative Pope for her decades of public service.

“Representative Pope has been a vigorous advocate for the citizens of our district. I would like to thank her for fighting for access to health care, higher wages, preservation of our environment and, most importantly, her ongoing effort to bring high quality education to all Wisconsinites. I pledge to continue her progressive legacy in the Assembly.”

Chad is the proud son of two healthcare workers who instilled in their three children the values of hard work, service to others, and perseverance in the face of challenges. “My parents grew up in the inner city of Milwaukee. They put food on the table through hard work and a dedication to improving the lives of those around them. They passed those values on to me and my siblings. We learned to treat everyone with kindness and respect, regardless of their political ideology or socioeconomic condition. As human beings with families and friends, we all share the same fundamental goals of providing for others while trying to make the world a better place for our children.”

Chad lives in Verona with his three children. He is a graduate of Verona Area High School, the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the University of Wisconsin Law School. After law school, Chad started his own law firm. “Upon graduation from law school, I immediately had to apply the lessons of my youth and education to build my own small business to support my family. I focused on bringing civil discourse and understanding to often complicated legal disputes.” In 2018, Chad moved his

practice to the law firm of Gingras, Thomsen & Wachs, where he specializes in Civil Rights Law. “Each day I have an opportunity to work with individuals and families to seek justice when they have been wronged. In the Assembly, I will continue to give a voice to those individuals families that struggle each day to make ends meet.”

Since 2018, Chad has served as an Alder on the Verona Common Council and was voted Council President in 2020, 2021 and 2022. He currently serves as the Chairperson of the Finance and Personnel Committees. As the chair of the Finance Committee during the Covid-19 pandemic, Chad worked to reduce municipal debt without reducing services for Verona residents. Chad also currently serves on the board of directors for Verona Area Swim Team and Little John’s.

Chad believes in providing first-rate public education for all Wisconsin students, premium health care services for all residents and wages to help lift and keep Wisconsin families stable. Chad’s progressive values, extensive experience and collaborative style will help him best serve the citizens of the 80th Assembly District.

Chad is proud to have the endorsements of the following community leaders:

Dana Wachs – Former State Representative and 2018 Candidate for Governor

Christine Posey – Verona City Council Member

Phil Hoechst – Verona City Council Member

Bill Conzemius – Former Superintendent of the Verona Area School District