

Main Street Action: Wisconsin Senate race, candidates' commitments to small business

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MADISON — Main Street Action (MSA) announces the release of its 2022 [Wisconsin Senate Candidate Questionnaire](#), following three roundtables across the state. All candidates were invited to complete the form. The organization received responses from Sarah Godlewski, Mandela Barnes, Alex Lasry, Tom Nelson, and Steven Olikara.

Main Street Action hosted three roundtable events at member businesses including The Coopers Tavern in Madison, Cactus Club in Milwaukee, and Long Cheng Marketplace in Appleton. Over 110 small business owners participated in the roundtable events.

Main Street Action encourages all small business owners, small business employees, and supporters of small businesses to vote.

Visit [MyVote.Wi.Gov](#) to register, request an absentee ballot, and find a polling location.

“Even if you think America is broken and you’re disillusioned like I personally am, the only way we are going to change it is by voting.” – Paula Brusky, Aerial Dance, DePere and Appleton

“The reason we held these events is to build small business power and make sure the candidates hear from Main Street businesses. It’s important to use our voice and use our vote.” – Irene Strohbeen, Irene Strohbeen and Associates, Appleton

"I do think there's value in putting [candidates] in a room and having conversations to hear about people's real-world experiences." – **Kelsey Kaufmann, Cactus Club, Milwaukee**

About Main Street Action

Main Street Action builds power with small business owners to shift the economic narrative, influence decision-makers, and win policy reform for small business owners, employees, and communities.

Main Street Alliance/Main Street Action expanded its small business network to Wisconsin in August 2020 and has grown by over 500 small business members. Main Street Alliance organizes small businesses around issues that matter most for businesses, their employees, and the community they serve. MSA aims to build a powerful, self-funded, multi-racial, small business membership organization that can shift our economic narrative, wield political power, and win policy reform for small business owners, employees, and communities.

In the past two years, Main Street Alliance/Main Street Action members in Wisconsin have:

- Urged then President-Elect Joe Biden to [prioritize grant relief](#) in the American Rescue Plan
- Worked closely with the Evers Administration to [provide robust grant support](#) for Main Street
- Provided [guidance on child care support](#) for small businesses
- Helped to introduce a [paid leave bill](#) in the state legislature
- Partnered with leaders to call for [Badgercare expansion, with a public option](#)
- Ensured that [Rescue Plan funded grants were tax free](#)
- Worked hard towards passage of an [important bill to regulate corporate bad actors](#) like Grubhub and Uber Eats