

# Wisconsin Democracy Campaign: GOP Secy of State candidate has eight times as much \$\$\$ as Doug La Follette

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A Republican Assembly Representative running for secretary of state reported about eight times as much money on hand as the incumbent, Democratic Secretary of State Doug La Follette, as of July 25.

Campaign finance reports covering Jan. 1 through July 25, 2020, showed GOP Rep. Amy Loudbeck, of Clinton, raised \$130,768 and had \$181,838 in her campaign account at the end of the period.

Behind Loudbeck was La Follette, of Madison, who raised \$21,335 through July 25 and had \$23,411 in his campaign account. That's about one-eighth of the amount that Loudbeck has on hand.

Fellow Democrat Alexia Sabor, of Madison, raised \$24,591 and had \$13,871 in her campaign coffers on July 25. She is running against La Follette in the August 9 primary.

Republican Jay Schroeder, of Neenah, raised \$19,654 through July 25 and had a campaign cash balance of \$3,931. He is running against Loudbeck in the Republican primary. So is Republican Justin Schmidtka, of Green Bay, who raised \$2,323 between Jan. 1 and July 25 and had a \$70 cash balance in his campaign account at the end of the period.

Independent candidate Sharyl McFarland, of Milwaukee, reported raising \$950

between Jan. 1 and July 25 and had \$34 in her campaign account at the end of the period.

Libertarian candidate Neil Harmon, of West Allis, is exempt from filing campaign finance reports because he pledged to raise and spend \$2,000 or less in the race.

Here's a snapshot of the top contributors to the candidates:

### **Loudenbeck**

Kim Hendricks, of Janesville, a retired ABC Supply executive whose family founded the company, \$20,000;

Patricia Mecum, of Fontana, co-owner and vice president of Mecum Auctions, \$10,000;

Bell Ambulance Employees Political Action Committee (PAC), \$5,706;

Don Zietlow, of Onalaska, co-owner of Kwik Trip, \$5,000;

Scott Moon, of Shorewood, chief executive officer of DLSSM, Inc., \$5,000;

Joni Waddell, of Darien, owner of Waddell-Wojcik Trucking, \$5,000.

### **La Follette**

Mark Heising and his wife, Elizabeth Simons, of Atherton, CA, \$5,000 each. Heising is the Environmental Defense Fund's chairman of the board. Heising and Simons are co-founders of the Heising-Simons Foundation.

Katy Jo Steward, of Vashon, WA, an attorney, \$2,900;

Lauren Glant, of Brooklyn, NY, an attorney, \$1,000.

### **Sabor**

Alexia Sabor, \$8,962, including \$5,962 in cash and in-kind contributions and a \$3,000 loan to her campaign;

Lenard Swenson, of Chicago, IL, a retired attorney, \$2,000;

April Sansom, of Stonewall, TX, executive director of Bamberger Ranch Preserve, \$1,000.

### **Schroeder**

Jay Schroeder loaned his campaign \$6,900;

Michael Ryan, of Kankakee, IL, president of Ryan Metal Products, \$5,000;

Richard Aylward, of Neenah, principal at Tara Lila North LLC, \$2,500.

### **Schmidtka**

Daniel and Zita Schmidtka, of Green Bay, retired, \$999.

### **McFarland**

Wisconsin Green Party, \$500.