

Wisconsin Working Families Party, BLOC, SEIU: Launch rally, statewide “coalition canvass” for Mandela Barnes

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Milwaukee, WI: As a final GOTV push before Tuesday’s primary, the Wisconsin Working Families Party, SEIU, Black Leaders Organizing for Communities and Progress North are hosting a rally and canvass to elect Mandela Barnes to U.S. Senate.

On July 25, Outagamie County executive [Tom Nelson](#) suspended his campaign and endorsed Barnes. Milwaukee Bucks executive [Alex Lasry](#) did the same on Wednesday after polling showed a strong lead for Lt. Gov. Barnes, while state Treasurer [Sarah Godlewski](#) followed suit on Friday. The decisions effectively cleared the way for Barnes to become the Democratic nominee to take on incumbent Sen. [Ron Johnson](#) (R) in November.

The groups hosting the canvass have spent the last year on the ground talking to voters about the importance of this election. The Wisconsin Working Families Party has already called, sent texts to, and knocked on the doors of more than 800,000 voters in Milwaukee, Racine, and Kenosha ahead of the August 9th primary. In his exit statement, Lasry credited Barnes’ strong showing in polls leading up to the primary to “the broad coalition of support that the lieutenant governor has.” During the canvass, activists will invite voters into the coalition that came together to ensure Mandela’s victory – and share their plan to beat Ron Johnson in November.