

# Agard campaign: Dane County Mayors endorse Melissa Agard for County Executive

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MADISON – Today, Senator Melissa Agard’s campaign announced wide support from current and former mayors for her campaign to be the next Dane County Executive.

Endorsements include:

- Fitchburg Mayor Julia Arata-Fratta
- Stoughton Mayor Tim Swadley
- Middleton Mayor Emily Kuhn
- Monona Mayor Mary O’Connor
- Former Madison Mayor Paul Soglin
- Former Fitchburg Mayor Frances Huntley-Cooper
- Former Middleton Mayor Judy Karofsky
- Former Fitchburg Mayor Shawn Pfaff

“I am proud to endorse Senator Melissa Agard for Dane County Executive. Throughout her career in public service, Melissa has demonstrated a deep understanding of the issues impacting our diverse communities. I know she will always put our residents’ best interests first and work towards thoughtful and impactful public policies which make Dane County a better place to live, work and raise a family, for everyone,” said Fitchburg Mayor Julia Arata-Fratta.

“Senator Melissa Agard has the experience we need to continue moving Dane County in the right direction,” said Monona Mayor Mary O’Connor. “Whether it has been through legislative action or community activism, she has shown she puts

people first by truly listening to the concerns and needs of the people she represents – she’s the kind of person who doesn’t just talk but digs into the real issues facing our communities. Her approach is exactly what we need in our next County Executive.”

“The support for my campaign to be the next Dane County Executive from current and former mayors underscores their faith in my vision to lead our county forward,” said Senator Melissa Agard. “I am grateful for their leadership and eager to work hand-in-hand with all of them to ensure we are building a cohesive community that’s based on economic opportunity, smart and environmentally -friendly development, and supporting the diverse residents and visitors across Dane County.

Senator Agard was born and raised in Dane County and is the mother of four sons. She currently represents Wisconsin’s 16th Senate District and was unanimously elected as Senate Democratic Leader in November 2022. Prior to her time in the State Senate, Agard served in the Wisconsin State Assembly and on the Dane County Board.

Earlier this year, Dane County Executive Joe Parisi announced his intent to resign in 2024. The general election for Dane County Executive will be held on November 5th, 2024. For more information about Senator Agard and her campaign, please visit [www.melissaagard.com](http://www.melissaagard.com).