

Martinez-Rutherford campaign: Over 65 current and former elected officials endorse Dina Nina Martinez-Rutherford for State Assembly

Posted on Thursday, Mar 12, 2026

>> **WisPolitics is now on the State Affairs network. Get custom keyword notifications, bill tracking and all WisPolitics content. [Get the app or access via desktop.](#)**

Martinez-Rutherford draws broad, progressive support in campaign to represent District 76.

Madison, WI - Today, Dina Nina Martinez-Rutherford's campaign for State Assembly announced endorsements from more than 65 current and former elected officials in Dane County and across Wisconsin.

"Our campaign is about people. We're fighting for a future where we take care of one another and we can all afford to live with dignity," said Martinez-Rutherford. "I'm so grateful for the support our campaign has received. Together, we're building a movement to win real power for working people in Wisconsin."

Dina Nina's endorsements include current and former state legislators, mayors, alders, county supervisors, and school board members.

"Dina is truly committed to improving affordability for all Wisconsin families. Her lived experience dealing with the high housing costs here in Dane County means she understands firsthand the challenges working people face. Whether it's fair tax policy, funding public education, or reducing healthcare costs, Dina will fight for what's right for Wisconsin," said **State Representative Andrew Hysell**.

"Representation matters. Dina Nina will bring a much-needed perspective to the State Assembly along with her significant knowledge and her caring, collaborative

approach to public service. I have worked with her and know her personally. We need her in the legislature,” said **State Senator Melissa Ratcliff**.

“Grounded in her compassion and care for others, Dina knows firsthand the hardship that so many of our neighbors face. As an alder, she’s worked to invest in more affordable housing, grow our small businesses, and expand services for those in need. The people of District 76 deserve a strong, trusted leader who will fight for our progressive values – lowering costs for working families and protecting our democracy from Republican attacks. Dina Nina is that leader,” said **Madison Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway**.

“Dina centers compassion and empathy in everything she does. She shows up. She listens. She cares. I’ve seen her organize against injustice wherever it may be – as a community leader, an advocate, and a member of the Madison Common Council. We need Dina’s voice now more than ever. I know she will work to uplift underrepresented voices, fully fund public schools, and support all our students and educators,” said **Madison School Board Member Ali Muldrow**.

“Dina Nina has been a tireless advocate for our community, bringing deep dedication to public service and a proven track record of delivering results for working families. We need leaders who don’t just talk about equity and justice but know how to build power from the ground up,” said **Madison Alder Carmella Glenn**.

“I am so pleased to endorse Dina Nina Martinez-Rutherford for the Wisconsin State Assembly. Her passion for service and lifting people up is genuine, powerful, and needed. I have been impressed by her work on the Madison Common Council, fighting for truly affordable housing, good paying jobs, and strong services. Grounded in her lived experience, Dina will be an effective legislator and advocate for the people of District 76,” said **former Dane County Executive Kathleen Falk**.

A full list of endorsements is included below. Dina Nina has also been endorsed by over six dozen community leaders from District 76 and across Madison.

The 76th Assembly District is currently represented by State Representative Francesca Hong, who is running for Governor. The district includes downtown Madison, Maple Bluff, and neighborhoods on the East and North Side. For more information about Dina Nina’s campaign, visit votedinanina.com.

State Senator Mark Spreitzer
State Senator Melissa Ratcliff
State Representative Andrew Hysell
State Representative Ryan Spaude
State Representative Tara Johnson
State Representative Karen Kirsch
Fmr. State Representative JoCasta Zamarripa
Fmr. State Representative David Clarenbach
Fmr. State Representative Amanda Stuck
Fmr. Dane County Executive Kathleen Falk
Madison Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway
Regina Vidaver, Madison Common Council President
MGR Govindarajan, Madison Common Council Vice President
John W. Duncan, City of Madison Alder
Will Ochowicz, City of Madison Alder
Derek Field, City of Madison Alder
Mike Verveer, City of Madison Alder
Davy Mayer, City of Madison Alder
Badri Lankella, City of Madison Alder
Joann Pritchett, City of Madison Alder
Yannette Figueroa Cole, City of Madison Alder
Bill Tishler, City of Madison Alder
Julia Matthews, City of Madison Alder
Sean O'Brien, City of Madison Alder
Carmella Glenn, City of Madison Alder
John Guequierre, City of Madison Alder
Barbara Harrington-McKinney, City of Madison Alder
Patrick DePula, City of Monona Alder
Donald Dantzler Jr., City of Fitchburg Alder
Ali Muldrow, MMSD School Board Member
Nicki Vander-Meulen, MMSD School Board Member
Martha Siravo, MMSD School Board Member
Blair Mosner-Feltham, MMSD School Board Member
Jesus Rivera, Cambridge School Board Member
Michele Ritt, Dane County Supervisor
Dave Boetcher, Dane County Supervisor
Brenda Yang, Dane County Supervisor
April Kigeya, Dane County Supervisor

Dan Blazewicz, Dane County Supervisor
Jeff Glazer, Dane County Supervisor
Rick Rose, Dane County Supervisor
Michele Doolan, Dane County Supervisor
Lisa Jackson, Dane County Supervisor
Henry Fries, Dane County Supervisor
Chuck Erickson, Dane County Supervisor
Colin Barushok, Dane County Supervisor
Kerry Marren, Dane County Supervisor
Keith Furman, Dane County Supervisor
Richelle Andrae, Dane County Supervisor
Julia Arata-Fratta, Mayor of Fitchburg
Emily Kuhn, Mayor of Middleton
Dianne Duggan, Mayor of Evansville
ananda mirilli, Former MMSD School Board Member
Laura Simkin, Former MMSD School Board Member
Anna Moffit, Former MMSD School Board Member
Carousel Bayrd, Former Dane County Supervisor
Jacob Wright, Former Dane County Supervisor
Liz Doyle, Former Dane County Supervisor
Richard Kilmer, Former Dane County Supervisor
Andrew Schauer, Former Dane County Supervisor
Patrick Heck, Former City of Madison Alder
Shiva Bidar, Former City of Madison Alder
Jael Currie, Former City of Madison Alder
Lindsay Lemmer, Former City of Madison Alder
Jean MacCubbin, Former City of Madison Alder
Tim Gruber, Former City of Madison Alder
Ledell Zellers, Former City of Madison Alder