

Xiong campaign: Over 50 elected, former elected, and community leaders publicly endorse Yee Leng Xiong for State Treasurer

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Wausau, WI – A diverse coalition of over 50 elected officials, former elected leaders, and community leaders from across Wisconsin today announced their public endorsement of Yee Leng Xiong for State Treasurer.

This announcement underscores the growing momentum behind Yee's campaign and solidifies him as the frontrunner for the Democratic nomination for State Treasurer despite only entering the race six weeks ago.

"Yee Leng Xiong's leadership skills, proven as an elected official on both the Marathon County Board and DC Everest School Board and as Executive Director of a nonprofit, will serve the people of Wisconsin well when he takes the helm as State Treasurer. We need him in this critical position, someone who has not only proven his mettle in budgeting, but also deeply understands how levels of government can come together effectively to build strong communities, large and small. I am grateful for his determined public service and wholeheartedly endorse his candidacy," said **Former Lt. Governor Barbara Lawton.**

"Yee Leng Xiong has dedicated his life to serving our communities, as a school board member, county board supervisor, former village board member, and nonprofit executive. He understands how decisions made in Madison affect families, classrooms, and local governments across Wisconsin," said **State Representative Christine Sinicki.** "I'm proud to endorse Yee Leng Xiong for State Treasurer because I know he will bring that same integrity, experience, and tireless work ethic

to the job. Yee Leng will fight for you, protect your tax dollars, and ensure our state's resources are invested wisely in the people of Wisconsin."

Born in Wausau to refugee parents who fled persecution, Xiong learned early that freedom comes with responsibility. He has spent his career managing public resources and investing in communities at every level of government. In 2014, he made history as the first Hmong American elected to the DC Everest School Board, where he currently serves as Board Treasurer. Since 2016, he has served as Marathon County Supervisor, helping make tough budget decisions that impact local services and infrastructure. As Executive Director of the Hmong American Center, Xiong saved the organization from closure and grew its budget to \$1.9 million, expanding services for families across the region. Xiong would be the first Hmong American elected to statewide office in Wisconsin.

The Democratic primary election for Wisconsin State Treasurer will be held on August 11, 2026, with the general election on November 3, 2026. To learn more about Yee Leng Xiong and his campaign, visit www.yeeforwi.vote.

Yee's growing list of supporters includes:

Barbara Lawton, Former Wisconsin Lt. Governor

Tom Nelson, Outagamie County Executive

Andrew Hysell, WI State Representative

Brienne Brown, WI State Representative

Christine Sinicki, WI State Representative

Jodi Emerson, WI State Representative

Lori Palmeri, WI State Representative

Tara Johnson, WI State Representative

Thomas Vue, Eau Claire County Supervisor

Brenda Yang, Dane County Supervisor

Randy Radtke, Marathon County Supervisor

Ann Lemmer, Marathon County Supervisor

Bill Conway, Marathon County Supervisor

John Robinson, Marathon County Supervisor, Former Wausau Mayor and WI State Representative

Lee Pao Thao, Wood County Supervisor

Lisa Rasmussen, City of Wausau Council President

Carol Lukens, City of Wausau Alderperson

Lou Larson, City of Wausau, Alderperson

Tom Neal, City of Wausau Alderperson

Sarah Watson, City of Wausau, Alderperson

Larry Mboga, Eau Claire City Council

Mark Maloney, Village of Weston President

Barbara Ermeling, Village of Weston Trustee

Hooshang Zeyghami, Village of Weston, Trustee and Business Owner

Larry Schaefer, DC Everest School Board

Foung Hawj, MN State Senator

Jay Xiong, MN State Representative

Fue Lee, MN State Representative

Xiongpaο "XP" Lee, MN State Representative

Samantha Vang, MN State Representative

Chonburi Lee, City of Maplewood, City Council Member

Caden Berg, Chair of Chippewa Valley Young Democrats

Chai Lee, Community Leader

Christina Thao, Nonprofit Executive

Dr. Maysee Yang Herr, Education and Business Leader

Dr. Gillian Battino, Former WI State Treasurer Candidate

Paul Demain, Former WI State Senate Candidate

Amanda Stuck, Former WI State Representative

Donna Seidel, Former WI State Representative

Mandy Roberts, Former WI State Representative

Brad Karger, Former Marathon County Administrator

Orval Quamme, Former Marathon County Board Supervisor and Former Sheriff

William Harris, Former Marathon County Supervisor

Maiyoua Thao, Former City of Appleton Council Member

Steve Ly, Former Mayor of the City of Elk Grove

Dai Thao, Former City of St. Paul, Council Member

Mary Thao, Former City of Wausau Alderperson and Wausau School Board Member

Loren White, Former Village of Weston President

Nate Fiene, Former Village of Weston Trustee

Helen Ackerman, Former DC Everest School Board Vice President

Jane Rusch, Former Wausau School Board Member

Vik Verma, Former AAPI Secretary and Treasurer

Andrew "Andy" Benedetto, Former Marathon County Democratic Chair