Tanya Buckingham has announced she will seek the Dane County Board District 24 seat representing parts of Madison and Monona.

A long-time resident of the district, in both Madison and Monona, Buckingham values the vibrancy and welcoming neighborhoods. She describes the community as, “an extension of our home, with destinations that provide a reason to be outside.” She can often be found at the park with her kids, the library, or sipping coffee at a neighborhood cafe. "Particularly important to me is the healthy and friendly community that is teaching my kids to be confident and independent," she added.

“I am eager to bring my energy and time to the constituents of District 24,” Buckingham said in her announcement. “I look forward to applying my experience to continue the critical work of protecting our lakes and parks, sustainable building, and equal access to success, mental health care, and transportation for all Dane County residents.”

“Supervisor Robin Schmidt has done an incredible job representing our district for the last 10 years and I look forward to building on her legacy.”

Buckingham has held leadership positions in many organizations, including non-profits, a dynamic design firm, and a large public university department. “My work experience has provided me an opportunity to build skills that I think will be valuable to the work of the Dane County Board. From balancing the needs and wishes of multiple agencies to providing opportunities to engage in the process, I look forward to getting to work.”

Buckingham is the Creative Director of the Cartography Laboratory, within UW-Madison’s Geography Department. She works with students, training them to manage and design projects in a hands-on environment, then assists in their transitions into careers. As a geographer she is trained to research patterns in human behavior, and make data-driven decisions. Buckingham lives in Monona with her husband and two children.