



## **Vangalis is First on the Ballot**

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Madison, Wis- Jason Vangalis, a candidate for the 48<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, has completed collecting signatures and is the first candidate to be officially placed on the ballot in the race. He is one of the first non-incumbent State Assembly candidates in state to achieve this feat.

“The current health crisis most certainly changed the way we met [with] voters, but it’s important for our elected officials to find a way to overcome these challenges and reach folks within the district,” said Vangalis. “It was important for me to engage with residents from across the district, so I made a point to meet voters throughout the east side of Madison in parks and driveways where we could stay safe.”

Jason’s experience in community and economic development will help expand economic opportunities on the east side of Madison. He has worked with communities throughout the country that have been hit hard from economic downturns, helping leaders rebuild after losing jobs and employers. He has also helped create statewide workforce development programs which help employees build new skills that lead to better opportunities.

“The message of economic recovery was on the minds of many of the voters I spoke with,” said Vangalis. “They want to see more opportunities here on the east side that folks with all different backgrounds can access. This issue really broke through the partisan divide and resonated with Democrats and Republicans.”

Jason’s success in collecting the requisite number of signatures comes after joining the race after only two weeks prior.

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*The first member of his family to earn a college degree, Jason overcame significant personal challenges to get to where he is today. After growing up on welfare and seeing his family struggle with addiction, Jason wants use his experience to help those who need it most. He’s spent nearly a decade creating jobs and growing the economy for communities in Wisconsin and across the country. He and his partner live on Madison’s east side with their dog, Stubs.*