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Melissa Sargent Announces Qualification for the Ballot

MADISON– Melissa Sargent (D-Madison) released the following statement announcing her qualification for the ballot for Wisconsin's 16th Senate District:

"Today, June 1st, is the final deadline for candidates to turn in nomination papers and secure their spot on the ballot for the 2020 primary & general elections. Thanks to an amazing group of supporters throughout the 16th Senate District, who went above and beyond, I am honored to announce that I am officially on the ballot for the August primary & November general election!

With <u>over 1,400 nomination signatures</u> collected, I am truly overwhelmed by the outpouring of support I have received. I am proud to have met (and vastly exceeded) the threshold needed to be officially on the ballot back on April 23rd, which was certified by the Wisconsin Elections Commission, and to top it off I was the first candidate certified for the 16th Senate District race. I am honored to have the support of so many of my friends and neighbors.

I could not have done this without the incredible people of the 16th Senate District, and I sincerely appreciate the support of folks from every corner of the 16th Senate District as we work together towards a better future for our state. Wisconsin needs unapologetic, progressive, and pragmatic leaders who are accountable to their bosses- the people of our state. I am confident that my experience, compassion, and proven leadership will serve our community as we continue to move forward together. I am proud to have qualified for the ballot as a Democrat running for the 16th Senate District, where I vow to continue fighting for policies that work for all Wisconsinites and move our state forward."

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Born and raised in Dane County, Melissa served on the Dane County Board prior to being elected to represent the 48th Assembly District. Before her start in politics, Melissa owned a small business and worked in the private sector. Concern for the greater community and a vision for a better Wisconsin brought her to public service and community activism. She is a proud mother of 4 boys, and lives on Madison's northside.