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Melissa Sargent Announces Endorsement from Fabiola Hamdan

MADISON— Melissa Sargent (D-Madison) released the following statement announcing an endorsement from Fabiola Hamdan for her candidacy for Wisconsin's 16th Senate District:

"Today I am proud to announce a campaign endorsement from Dane County Department of Human Services Immigration Affairs Specialist Fabiola Hamdan, who is a dedicated champion of immigrant and refugee rights," said Sargent.

Fabiola Hamdan is a social worker and current Immigration Affairs Specialist of the Dane County Department of Human Services. An immigrant herself, Hamdan has been a longtime Madison resident and advocate of the Latino community. As Dane County's first Immigration Affairs Specialist, Hamdan coordinates county services which provide outreach to immigrant and refugee communities in order to support immigrant integration to the U.S. Hamdan is the recipient of several awards recognizing her contributions to the Madison community, including the 2012 UW McDowell Alumni Achievement award, the 2012 Muriel Pipkins Award, the 2011 YWCA Madison Women of Distinction Awards, and the 2003 Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of Social Workers in Madison. She was named one of the "29 Most Powerful Latinos in Wisconsin" by Madison365 and serves on the Latino Children and Families Council, the Latino Professional Association, and the Latino Action Support Network.

"Melissa Sargent has a longstanding record of standing up for Madison's minority communities," said Hamdan. "She values the stories of our immigrants and refugees and understands that they are instrumental to our communities. I trust her to be the voice of immigrants and refugees in the State Senate."

"It is my honor to be endorsed by Fabiola Hamdan. Her work on behalf of Dane County's immigrant and refugee populations has been astounding and I am grateful for her support," said Sargent.

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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.