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Melissa Sargent Chosen as Democratic Candidate for the 16th Senate District

MADISON—Representative Melissa Sargent (D-Madison) released the following statement following the August 11th primary election for Wisconsin's 16th Senate District:

"It is truly an honor to be chosen by voters as the Democratic candidate for the 16th Senate District. Throughout this campaign, I have been humbled by the support from Senate District 16 residents, community leaders, current and former local elected officials, community organizations, and more. This campaign continues to be powered by the people, and this nomination is truly a direct result from the voters of the 16th who have voiced their opinion at the ballot box. The message of voters is loud and clear—we need proven progressive leadership in the Wisconsin State Legislature.

Over the past seven years, it has been my honor to represent and serve the people of the 48th Assembly District, as well as serving Dane County as a County Supervisor for two terms prior. This service has given me unparalleled opportunities to build relationships within our community, and to collaborate with my neighbors to make our state a better place. Together, we have fought to lift up folks from all across Wisconsin, to move our state forward, and to plant the seeds so that future generations may thrive. I look forward to continuing this work while serving the 16th Senate District.

Much work remains. Under the current leadership of the GOP-controlled legislature, Wisconsin continues to fall behind. Now more than ever, residents across Wisconsin are asking for our government leaders to take meaningful action to ensure that Wisconsin is a state where everyone is safe, can reach for their dreams, and where we invest in a better tomorrow. As a mother of four boys, I am proud to be a voice for Wisconsinites, and am committed to continuing to work to come together to find innovative long-term solutions that better our state. I am confident that my experience and compassion will bring a positive impact to the communities of the 16th Senate District.

Wisconsin needs progressive and pragmatic leadership. I am honored to be the Democratic candidate for the 16th Senate District, and will continue to champion bold progressive policies into the November general election and beyond."

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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.