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SPEAKER OF THE WISCONSIN STATE ASSEMBLY

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## **Speaker Vos Announces Task Force Members**

**Madison...** Speaker Robin Vos (R-Rochester) would like to announce the members of the newly formed Speaker's Task Force on Racial Disparities, which is chaired by Majority Leader Jim Steineke (R-Kaukauna) and Rep. Shelia Stubbs (D-Madison). The task force will be comprised of four legislators and 28 community members who will focus on ways to address racial disparities, educational opportunities, public safety, and law enforcement policies and standards.

"More than 100 people applied to be on the task force. After a month of interviews, we will now move forward with an unprecedented, community-focused group," said Speaker Vos. "The membership represents a diversity of experiences, backgrounds and geography of the state. I want to thank the legislators and community members for agreeing to be part of the task force."

The first gathering of the task force will be an introductory meeting at 1 p.m., October 28 in 412 East at the Wisconsin State Capitol.

"We know that it's through listening and learning from one another that Wisconsin can move forward together," said Speaker Vos.

## **Members, Speaker's Task Force on Racial Disparities**

Rep. Jim Steineke, Task Force Co-Chair  
Rep. Shelia Stubbs, Task Force Co-Chair  
Rep. Kalan Haywood (D-Milwaukee)  
Rep. Robert Wittke (R-Racine)  
Rev. Marcus Allen, Pastor, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Madison and U.S. Army Veteran  
Rev. Yao Yang, Pastor, The Cross Church, Wausau, Joseph Project Leader and Executive Director of The Gospel TLC  
Tehassi Hill, Chair, Oneida Nation  
Ricardo Diaz, retired former Executive Director, United Community Center, Milwaukee  
Rebecca Burrell, Activist, Entrepreneur, Singer/Songwriter  
Pastor Jerome Smith, Greater Praise Church of God In Christ, Milwaukee, Joseph Project Leader  
Marty Calderon, God Touch Ministry, Milwaukee  
Dr. Jeremiah Holiday, Chief Academic Officer, Milwaukee Public Schools  
Fred Royal, President, Milwaukee NAACP



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Keetra Burnette, Director, Stakeholder Engagement, United Way of Dane County and Urban League of Greater Madison  
Dr. Eve Hall, President and CEO, Milwaukee Urban League  
Ossie Kendrix, President and CEO, African-American Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin  
Theresa Jones, VP for Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity, Children's Wisconsin, Milwaukee  
Damond Boatwright, Regional President, SSM Health  
Linda Fair, Academic Advisor, Blackhawk Technical College  
Veronica King, Instructor, Gateway Technical College Instructor and Former Department of Corrections Social Worker  
Ted Nietzsche, CEO, CESA 6 and Former West Bend School District Superintendent  
Tory Lowe, Co-founder and CEO, Justice of Wisconsin  
Pam Holmes, Retired Milwaukee Police Officer, President of the National Black Police Association-Wisconsin Chapter  
Tony Gonzalez, Founder and Co-Chair, Toward One Wausau  
Patrick Mitchell, Chief of Police, West Allis Police Department  
Danilo Cardenas, Secretary/Treasurer, Milwaukee Police Association  
Jim Palmer, Executive Director, Wisconsin Professional Police Association  
Nate Dreckman - Grant County Sheriff  
Pastor Dannie Evans, House of God Church, Janesville, WI and Former Probation and Parole Agent  
Steven Roux, Rice Lake Police Chief  
Wayne Strong, Retired Lieutenant, Madison Police Department  
Kalvin Barrett, Law Enforcement Instructor, Madison College

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