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Melissa Ratcliff Announces Candidacy for 46th Assembly District

(COTTAGE GROVE) Today Dane County Supervisor and Cottage Grove Village Board Trustee Melissa Ratcliff announced that she is running for State Assembly in the 46th district. The district, in eastern Dane County, presently consists of Sun Prairie, Stoughton, Cottage Grove, Pleasant Springs and Dunkirk. Rep. Gary Hebl (D-Sun Prairie), who currently represents the 46th District, announced today that he would not seek re-election.

"It would be an honor to represent the people of the 46th District," Ratcliff said. "On the County Board, I've worked collaboratively to solve tough problems including improving our roads, expanding broadband access, expanding housing opportunities for seniors, and increasing mental health services for our youth. I'll take those skills to the legislature where we need pragmatic leaders who can find common ground. I have a proven track record of getting things done for the people I represent and the communities I serve."

Ratcliff has served on the Dane County Board since 2018. As a Supervisor she serves as Chair of several committees, including the Area Agency on Aging Board, the Dane County Broadband Task Force, and the Public Works and Transportation Committee. She was re-elected with 65% of the vote for a third term in April of 2022. She has also been elected to the Cottage Grove Village Board since 2018.

In addition to her work on the Village and County Boards, Ratcliff is a paralegal for Eisenberg Law Offices in Madison, where she has worked for over 20 years. An Emerge alumna, she is also a member of the Optimist Club, the Friends of the Cottage Grove Library, and numerous other local and state organizations.

"As State Representative, I will continue my fight for smart business growth, strengthening our K-12 and higher education systems, and ensuring paid family leave for family caregivers," Ratcliff said. "I will also continue my efforts to complete local road improvements, expand bike paths, and advance sustainability initiatives."

"Representative Hebl and I have worked together on issues affecting the people of the 46th District and he has shown how deeply he cares for our communities," Ratcliff said. "We all are grateful for his eighteen years of public service and I wish him the best in his well-earned retirement from the state legislature."

The primary election for the 46th Assembly District is August 9th, 2022 and the general election is November 8th, 2022. For more information on Ratcliff, her policies, and her priorities, please visit her website at www.RatcliffForAssembly.com.

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Melissa Ratcliff and her husband live in Cottage Grove and have two children who attend public schools in the Monona Grove School District.