



Democratic Party of Wisconsin Disability Caucus

WisDems Disability Caucus Hosting Statewide Forum with Governor Candidates

April 7, 2026, Madison, Wisconsin

The WisDems Disability Caucus will host a gubernatorial forum on Monday, April 20th at 6:30 pm. This virtual event will give voters an opportunity to hear from candidates and ask questions related to disability issues. **Missy Hughes, Rep. Francesca Hong, and Lieutenant Governor Sara Rodriguez** will participate. Candidates will give an opening statement followed by a question-and-answer session. The forum will be moderated by members of the Disability Caucus.

Issues like healthcare, employment, job training, and voter access affect people across the state but have a specific impact on people with disabilities. This is the **only statewide forum where governor candidates will answer questions from disabled community members** and address the concerns of those impacted by a disability.

Community members may submit questions to Progress@LaToyaBates.com through April 13th. Register at bit.ly/4aEMexm.

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Candidate Information

State Representative Francesca Hong is a mom, a service industry worker, and a community organizer. Elected in 2020, she is the first Asian American State legislator in Wisconsin. Her pro-worker, pro-family, and pro-public legislative priorities include the Economic Justice Bill of Rights, Healthy School Meals for All, full funding for public schools, and universal paid leave. Her dedication to service is rooted in sharing power with working class people and building cross-racial solidarity.

Missy Hughes is the former Secretary of Economic Development for Governor Tony Evers where she helped thousands of Wisconsinites start small businesses and brought tens of thousands of jobs to Wisconsin. Now she's running for Governor to unlock the potential of every Wisconsinite, build more housing to help Wisconsinites buy a home, invest in our public schools and universities, and stand up to the attacks on our freedoms from extreme politicians in Washington.

Sara Rodriguez is a nurse, public health expert, and problem-solver who has spent her life helping people and getting results. As Wisconsin's 46th Lieutenant Governor, she brings more than two decades of experience in health care, public service, and executive leadership to the fight for working families across the Badger State.