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Statement from Mayoral Candidate Syed Abbas on Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway's Decision Not to Seek Reelection

I want to thank Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway for her years of service to Madison and her commitment to our community.

While we may not always agree on every issue, I respect her dedication to public service and the responsibilities that come with leading our city.

I am deeply troubled by the threats and personal attacks she has described. No one serving our community should have to fear for their safety or the safety of their family. We can disagree strongly on policy and the direction of our city while still treating one another with dignity and respect.

Madison deserves a healthy public dialogue where different perspectives are welcomed, difficult conversations are encouraged, and disagreements never become personal threats.

I wish Mayor Rhodes-Conway and her family all the best as she makes this decision.

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Syed Abbas is a former Madison Common Council President and District 12 Alder who served from 2019 to 2022. A longtime community advocate and public servant, Abbas is a candidate for Mayor of Madison in the 2027 election. His campaign focuses on housing affordability and homeownership, responsible city government, safe and welcoming neighborhoods, and social and environmental justice. He currently serves as Deputy Legislative Director at the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. He lives in Madison with his wife and two daughters.

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