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Democrats Overcome GOP Roadblocks; Build Back Better, Part One Is Achieved

by Ron Malzer, LCDP Board Member

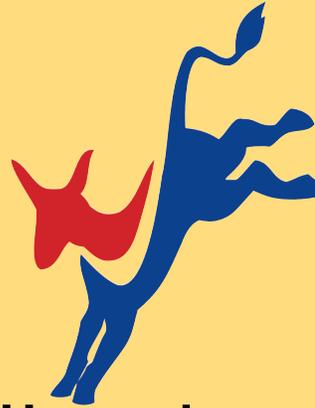
After America watched its roads and other infrastructure deteriorate for four years under then-President Donald Trump, President Joe Biden and the Democrats in the US Senate and House knew what needed to be done. And they did it.

Last week, House Democrats joined ranks, with a show of unity producing a 215-to-6 Democratic vote. The Republican obstructionist position, to do nothing at all for rebuilding, got 200 votes out of 213 GOP members of the House.

Here are ten accomplishments Democrats will campaign on in 2022:

1. **\$110B** to repair and rebuild roads and bridges;
2. **\$65B** to ensure every American has access to reliable high-speed internet and lower the cost of internet service;
3. The largest federal investment in public transit ever;
4. **\$66B** to eliminate the Amtrak maintenance backlog, modernize the Northeast Corridor, and bring world-class service to new areas;
5. The first national network of electric vehicle chargers;

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Upcoming Events

LCDP Monthly Exec Board meeting
Time: Monday, December 6, 2021 06:30
PM Central Time (US and Canada)
<https://zoom.us/j/96620303875>

No General Meeting in December:
Due to the hectic holiday season,
there will be no regular meeting in
December. We look forward to seeing
you in January.

LCDP Office: Coming Soon

The proposal for a year-round office for LCDP passed at the October meeting, and the Executive Board is looking for suitable space now.

Please consider donating to our 2022 Office Fund to help us set up an office and begin the important work of preparing for the 2022 election.

Contribute at <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/lcdp2022office>



*The La Crosse County
Democratic Party wishes
you a wonderful holiday season!
We hope you find joy and
togetherness as we come together
to celebrate and reflect on the year.*

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6. **\$55B** to deliver clean water to millions of Americans and eliminate lead service lines; 7. **\$65B** to upgrade our power infrastructure, including thousands of miles of new, resilient transmission lines;

8. **\$50B** to make communities more resilient to the impacts of climate change and cyber attacks;

9. **\$21B** to: Clean up Superfund & brownfield sites, reclaim abandoned mines & cap orphaned gas wells; and

10. **The overall package:** Creating good-paying jobs while advancing economic & environmental justice modernize airports, ports, and waterways to support supply chains and reduce emissions.

What will the Republicans campaign on in 2022? There will be no record of accomplishments, either during the disastrous Trump years, or in 2021-2022 when their mission, delivered in secret but caught on tape, was announced by Representative Chip Roy (R-Texas): create as much chaos as possible, and blame it on the Democrats.

Voters are not going to fail to notice the difference between the two parties: while Republicans are seeking to run America down, Democrats are building it back better.

Afghan Refugee Assistance



Catholic Charities of La Crosse is collecting volunteer information for the influx of Afghan refugees. Visit: <https://cclse.org/afghanistan-refugee-assistance> for more information.

Letter Writing Initiative

LCDP Executive Board Member Ron Malzer is spearheading an Op-Ed/Letter to the Editor initiative with LCDP. We will be having weekly (at a minimum) articles that discuss news and opinions about La Crosse and Wisconsin politics. See the articles on

our social networks or at <https://laxdems.com/category/news>.



LCDP Podcast

Have you checked out The LCDP podcast The Democratic Voice, produced in conjunction with WIZM news? Listen and subscribe for opinions and updates

of what is happening in La Crosse. <https://www.wizmnews.com/the-democratic-voice-with-william-garcia/>

Today's Republican Party is Fascist by Definition

by David Wulf

If you have concerns about the threat to American democracy by Republicans you'd be right. By definition below, what Donald Trump and his rabid supporters and enablers are doing via the Big Lie fits the definition of fascism. During his presidency, Trump admired autocrats around the world and coddled them instead of handing out criticism.

Merriam-Webster definition of fascism -- a political philosophy, movement (here Trumpism), or regime that exalts nation (here America First) and often race (here white nationalism) above the individual and that stands for a centralized autocratic government headed by a dictatorial leader (here wannabe Donald Trump), severe economic and social regimentation, and forcible suppression of opposition (here voter suppression laws and threats against people who stand up to them).

All good Americans need to fight this growing cancer within our democracy. Pro-Trump supporters like Senator Ron Johnson and Derrick Van Orden (Republican candidate for WI 3rd Congressional District) need to be soundly rejected by voters.

As the story was told and retold on the House floor, Benjamin Franklin was walking out of Independence Hall after the Constitutional Convention in 1787, when someone shouted out, "Doctor, what have we got? A republic or a monarchy?" To which Franklin supposedly responded, with a rejoinder at once witty and ominous: "A republic, if you can keep it."

Results of the 2022 LCDP Executive Board Elections

Thank you to everyone who ran. The results are:

Chair: William Garcia

Vice Chair: Ed Burgess

Treasurer: David Wulf

Secretary: Diane Wulf

At Large Members:

Terry Benson

KC Cayo

Fred Giese

Ralph Knudson

Ron Malzer

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Fred Giese
Ralph Knudson
Ron Malzer

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Some Facts On Your LCDP Membership

The best and easiest way to renew your La Crosse County Democratic Party membership is through your local county treasurer. Once you are a member of the county, you are automatically a member of the 3rd Congressional District (3rd CD) and the Democratic Party of Wisconsin (DPW). You need to submit membership dues only once a year to be a member of all three. It is unnecessary to submit duplicate memberships through the county and also through the state. If you have questions about your membership, please contact lcdpwi@gmail.com or 608-769-5286.

We Welcome Your Input

Any thoughts or suggestions you may have for your Executive Board are greatly appreciated. You can express them by contacting any board member, either by phone or email.

Renewing Your Membership!

You can renew your membership using the membership form found at the end of this newsletter. If you are receiving this newsletter via mail, please look at your mailing label to see when your membership expires. Thank you for your continued support!

If you are receiving this newsletter in the mail and would prefer to receive it via email instead, please contact lcdpwi@gmail.com or 608-769-5286.



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As the LCDP prepares for 2022 and beyond, your membership and participation are more important than ever. Your membership fees help fund the LCDP office and infrastructure, community outreach, candidate recruitment and campaign assistance up and down the ballot. Membership also gives you a voice in the operations and policy of the Wisconsin Democratic Party and the National Democratic Party platform. There is always a need for volunteers, and we can always find a way for you to help.

You may send a contribution to:
LCDP, P. O. Box 1861, La Crosse, WI, 54602-1861.
For online contributions go to our website www.laxdems.com.

Thank you.

There are three ways to join through the LCDP:

1. Print and mail your check and the form (available also at tinyurl.com/lcdpmbform)
2. Visit laxdems.com/join-the-party and complete your application and payment online.
3. Come to a LCDP event and complete the process and payment in person.

Received _____
Renewal Month _____

Please check the dues structure that applies:

- ___ \$10 Senior, Student, Limited Income
- ___ \$25 General Membership (1 member)
- ___ \$35 Pairs (up to two members)
- ___ \$45 yearly Activist (up to 3 members)
- ___ \$75 yearly (family)
- ___ \$120 Supporting Membership
- ___ \$240 Friend
- ___ \$600 Patron

Name(s) _____
 Name(s) _____
 Address _____
 City _____
 State _____ Zip Code _____
 Phone () _____
 Email _____
 *Occupation _____

*Contributions are not tax deductible for federal tax purposes. State law requires us to use our best efforts to collect and report the name, mailing address, and occupation of individuals whose contributions exceed \$200 in a calendar year.

I would like to support the LCDP with a donation of \$ _____

Total Amount Paid \$ _____

Make checks payable to:

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You may also donate online: www.laxdems.com.

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I'm interested in learning more about DPW caucuses:

- American Indian Caucus
- Black Caucus
- Environmental Caucus
- Labor Caucus
- Latinx Caucus
- LGBT Caucus
- Progressive Caucus
- Rural Caucus
- Veterans' Caucus
- Women's Caucus