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Republicans in the House of Representatives Continue to Attack Basic Civil Rights and Support Policies that Make Life Harder for Working Families

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If we want to protect our planet, our health, our unions, and our basic civil rights, we must do all we can to elect Democrats in November. Democrats will continue to pass policies that improve the lives of working families.

The US House of Representatives Republican Study Committee (RSC) released a budget document in June 2022 that details the group's priorities. Nearly 75% of Republicans in the House are RSC members, so these priorities are shared by a majority of the GOP caucus. **Highlights from the Republican plan include the following:**

1. Raise the Social Security

Eligibility age by three months per year through 2040, at which point the new age requirement to receive full Social Security benefits will be 67 years old.

2. Lock prescription drug pricing reform and stand in firm opposition to any government-led efforts to bring down pricing.

3. Gut programs to help low-income families by taking away programs that:

- help poor families to heat and cool their homes;
- allow schools in very low-income areas to provide free meals to all students;
- allow challenged families access to needed healthy food; and,
- allow children access to vitally-needed healthcare.

4. Eliminate the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance program that helps poor families heat and cool their homes and eliminate an initiative that allows schools in very low-income areas to provide free meals to all students.

Upcoming Events



LCDP Monthly Executive Board Meeting, Tuesday, Aug 2, 2022. 6:30 pm

LCDP August Membership Meeting
Aug 15, 2022 06:30 - 8:00pm

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/91879624296?pwd=Yi9uYTJmZHQ2YIBGVW96eUJiVGRKQT09>

LCDP Fall Dinner and Fundraiser

Concordia Ballroom, Saturday,
October 15, \$30 a ticket, includes dinner
Keynote speaker: Rep. Mark Pocan
Information and RSVP at laxdems.com/2022dinner

Election Night Victory Party

JavaVino
Tuesday, November 8, 9:00-11:00pm
More details soon

RSC members favor converting other programs such as the Supplemental Nutrition Program and the Children's Health Insurance Program into block grants with less federal money, requiring states to pay more.

5. Ban and restrict abortions across the entire county. The RSC wants to prohibit Planned Parenthood from receiving Title X grants that help clinics provide cancer screenings and birth control prescriptions to low-income and uninsured individuals. The group also endorses bills that would prohibit fetal stem cells from being used for research and would give legal rights to fertilized eggs.

6. Attack Unions by eliminating the National Labor Relations Board, an independent federal agency that protects workers' rights to organize, oversees union elections, and steps in when

employers attempt to use union-busting tactics.

7. Eliminate sensible gun protections by removing silencers from regulation and blocking state laws that regulate silencers.

8. Eradicate the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, which enforces consumer protection laws and supervises financial institutions to ensure they're following financial regulations.

9. Attack transgender rights by codifying under federal law that "sex refers to the biological sex of an individual at birth."

10. Roll Back Climate Change Initiatives and continue to hamper the EPA. The RSC opposes Biden's decision to reenter the Paris Climate agreement and supports a bill that would prohibit federal dollars from reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The RSC also wants to stop all EPA grant funding and close all regional offices.

These issues are so vital! We need to tell everyone we know to make sure they are registered to vote, and to make a firm plan to vote Democratic across the board in November.

How to sign up for monthly contributions

Did you know that you can easily set up a monthly donation to LCDP? This is a fast and easy way to help our party, our candidates and our volunteers. Just go to <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/lcdp2022office> and select Yes, Count Me In! under the Make It Monthly tab on the donation page. Even \$5 a month is of real help as we work to win in 2022.

LCDP Fall Dinner and Fundraiser

Honoring Rep. Ron Kind

Saturday, October 15, 6:00-9:00 p.m.
Concordia Ballroom



Keynote Speaker: Rep. Mark Pocan

- \$30 a ticket
 - A cash bar will be available
 - Silent auction
 - 50/50 raffle
- Numerous state-wide and local Democratic officials and candidates will be in attendance.

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To RSVP and pay for tickets go to:
<https://laxdems.com/2022dinner/>

Voter Assistance Links:

The following links and contacts should answer any voting question you have:

Visit the La Crosse League of Women Voters for information on how to register: <https://www.lwvlacrosse.org/>

Visit Vote411.org for information on various candidates running: <https://www.vote411.org/>



La Crosse Parade Team!

Please consider joining the La Crosse Democrats Parade Team. We march with candidates in parades all over La Crosse. We have signs and shirts. If you want to hear about upcoming parades, contact our Volunteer Coordinator, KC Cayo at kccayo231@gmail.com or call 262-993-4795.

Upcoming Parades include:

Bangor Fundaze: Sunday, August 14

Holmen CornFest: Saturday, August 20

Volunteer with the LCDP



The LCDP invites you to participate in one (or more) of our committees as we energize the county for 2022. Working on a committee is a wonderful way to get engaged with the party and to have fun with our wonderful volunteers.

Candidate Recruitment: The third Saturday of the month at 10am. To join, contact William Garcia at chair@laxdems.com.

Communications: The second Monday of the month from 7pm - 8pm. To join, contact Ron Malzer at ronsaturday@gmail.com.

Community Outreach (including Labor): Fourth Monday of every Month at 6pm. To join, contact Ed Burgess at edwburgess@gmail.com.

Fundraising: To join, contact David Wulf at treasurer@laxdems.com.

Events: Fourth Monday of every Month at 6pm. To join, contact Terry Benson at tltree1921@gmail.com

Membership: Meets Quarterly on the third Thursday of the month (March, June, September, December). To join, contact Diane Wulf at secretary@laxdems.com.

Early Voting is NOW OPEN!!

Take advantage of early voting in your area!

Visit <https://lacrossecounty.org/countyclerk/elections.asp> for early voting hours and locations. This site also has information on Voting Day sites and hours in all municipalities.

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VOTER ASSISTANCE HOTLINE

(608) 336-3232



WisDems 3rd CD Nominee Fund

Democrat Ron Kind is retiring this year, and the WisGOP is working overtime to replace him with a January 6th extremist who wants to interfere with democracy and make it harder to vote. They already dumped thousands of dollars into local races earlier this month and are continuing to prop up a Big Lie extremist in WI-03.

That's why we're investing early into this race. But right now, **WisDems is the only line of defense between a Democratic victory and a WisGOP takeover.**

Every dollar you chip in, half will go to WisDems' organizing program in WI-03, mobilizing voters and protecting the seat. The other half will directly benefit the eventual WI-03 nominee, so they can hit the ground running.

Copy and paste the following URL to chip in whatever you can to support our WI-03 Nominee Fund:

<https://bit.ly/3kvH9fK>

get involved



Volunteer Canvassers and Drivers Needed for Local Elections

Our candidates and elected officials need your help as we work towards victory in November. If you are interested in knocking on doors, phone banking or any other activity designed to Get Out the Vote, please fill out our volunteer form at <https://forms.gle/oynctMFonDrpcZWs6> or email William Garcia at chair@laxdems.com

Verify Your Registration and Use Same Day Voter Registration If You Are Not Yet Registered

You can check your voter registration at <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/Register-To-Vote>. Just fill out your name and birthday and you will see your registration status. If you are NOT registered, Wisconsin allows same day voter registration with a picture ID and proof of residence. If you go to this website (<https://myvote.wi.gov/DesktopModules/GabMyVoteModules/api/document/getproofofresidencedoc>) it will download a PDF to your computer with a checklist to ensure you have the right documents to register.

To think about: LCDP 2023 Executive Board

It is only August but it is time to start thinking about the 2023 LCDP Executive Board. Every year, we elect a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and 5 At-Large Members. Members interested in running will be nominated at the October Membership Meeting and the election will occur at the November membership meeting.

If you have any questions about the elected roles, the process or would just like to know more, contact William Garcia at 512-660-2610 or email chair@laxdems.com.

More details and specific information will be included in the September newsletter.



UPCOMING ELECTIONS:

August 9, 2022: Primary

November 8, 2022: General Election



PRIMARIES ARE AROUND THE CORNER

Below is a quick, neutral information guide for the upcoming primary.

3rd CD Democratic Candidates

Rebecca Cooke - Small Business Owner and Non-Profit Organizer - <https://cookeforwisconsin.com/>

Deb McGrath - Retired Army and CIA Officer - <https://www.debmcgrathforcongress.com/>

Dr. Mark Nuemann - Retired Doctor and current La Crosse City Alderman - <https://markneumannforcongress.com/>

Senator Brad Pfaff - Current State Senator and former USDA official - <https://bradpfaff.com/>

State Offices:

Wisconsin Governor - Governor Tony Evers - <https://tonyevers.com/>

WI Attorney General - Attorney General Josh Kaul - <https://www.joshkaul.org/>

Wisconsin Lieutenant Governor

Peng Her - Founder and CEO of the Hmong Institute - <https://www.pengherforwisconsin.com/>

Rep Sara Rodriguez - State Representative from the 13th Assembly District

Wisconsin State Treasurer

Gillian Battino - Medical Doctor - <https://gillianforwi.com/>

Aaron Richardson - Mayor of Fitchburg, WI - <https://aaronforwi.com/>

Angelito Tenorio - West Allis, WI Alderman - <https://www.angelitoforwi.com/>

Wisconsin Secretary of State

Doug La Follette - Current WI Secretary of State - <https://douglafollette.com/>

Alexia Sabor - Dane County Democratic Party Chair - <https://saborforwi.com/>

Local Offices

94th Assembly District - Rep. Steve Doyle - <https://www.doyleforassembly.com/>

95th Assembly District - Rep. Jill Billings - <http://jillbillingsforassembly.com/>

La Crosse County Sheriff - John Siegel - <https://www.siegelforsheriff.net/>

La Crosse Clerk of Courts

Kelly Goyette - Current La Crosse County Clerk of Courts

Tammy Padretti - La Crosse County Judicial Assistant

US Senate Candidates

Mandela Barnes - Lieutenant Governor of Wisconsin - <https://mandelabarnes.com/>

Sarah Godlewski - Wisconsin State Treasurer - <https://sarahforwisconsin.com/>

Alex Lasry - Executive Vice President of the Milwaukee Bucks - <https://alexlasry.com/>

Kou Lee - Wisconsin Businessperson - <https://leeforwisconsin.com/>

Tom Nelson - Outagamie County Executive - <https://nelsonforwi.com/>

Steven Olikara - Founder and former CEO of the Millennial Action Project - <https://www.stevenolikara.com/>

Peter Pekarsky - Wisconsin Attorney - <https://www.peckarskyforwisconsin.com/>

Darrell Williams - Retired Army Veteran and Educator - <https://williamsworksforwisconsin.com/>

Our Elected Officials

Governor Tony Evers
Office of the Governor
115 East State Capital
Madison, WI 53702
Ph: 608-266-1212

Senator Tammy Baldwin
717 Hart Senate Building
Washington, DC 20510
Ph: 202-224-5653, Fax: 202-224-9787

Senator Ron Johnson (R)
328 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. Office Building
Ph: 202-224-5323

Congressman Ron Kind
1406 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20510
Ph: 202-225-5506, Fax: 202-225-5739

32nd District State Senator Brad Pfaff
State Capitol 22 South
PO Box 7882
Madison, WI 53707
Ph: 608-266-5490, Sen.Pfaff@legis.wisconsin.gov

94th Assembly District Representative Steve Doyle
Room 124 North, State Capitol
P.O. Box 8952
Madison, WI 53708
Ph: 608-266-0631 or 888-534-0094
Fax: 608-282-3694

95th Assembly District Representative Jill Billings
Room 4 West, State Capitol
P.O. Box 8952
Madison, WI 53708
Ph: 608-266-5780

La Crosse County Clerk
Ginny Dankmeyer (Democrat)
(608) 785-9581

La Crosse County District Attorney
Tim Gruenke (Democrat)
(608) 785-9604

La Crosse County Treasurer
Amy Twitchell (Democrat)
(608) 785-9711

LCDP Executive Board Officers

Chair: William Garcia
608-769-5286

Vice Chair: Ed Burgess
608-799-1944

Treasurer: David Wulf
608-799-8977

Secretary: Diane Wulf
608-780-7007

At-Large Board Members:
Terry Benson
Fred Giese
Ralph Knudson
Ron Malzer

College Representative: Grace Florence (UW-L)

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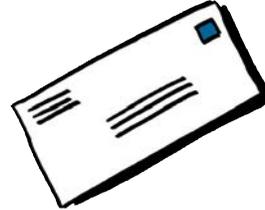


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Letter Writing Initiative



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/>

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! Or just visit <https://laxdems.com/join-the-party/> and fill out the form (it is the same form to join or renew) and pay online.

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.

La Crosse County Democratic Party



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.

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

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

Total Amount Paid \$ _____

Make checks payable to:

La Crosse County Democratic Party

P. O. Box 1861

La Crosse, WI 54602-1861

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