

THE DEMOCRATIC VOICE

January 2024 Newsletter

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New Maps Ordered By Wisconsin Supreme Court!!

As I am sure you have heard, the Wisconsin Supreme Court ordered new maps for all Assembly and State Senate districts, to be put into effect before the 2024 election. We should see what these maps look like very soon, but any version of the maps will be fairer and less gerrymandered than what we have now. This is wonderful news, as Democrats will have the first shot of capturing the Wisconsin Legislature since 2011.

We must be ready to rise to this opportunity. Once we see the new maps, we need to be ready to Get Out the Vote, and support candidates who may be living in a winnable district for the first time in decades. We will have a lot more information over the coming months, but be ready now to help retake the Wisconsin Legislature in 2024!

Reminder of the Endorsement Process for 2024 Local Elections

Hello. The 2024 Non-Partisan local elections are upon us and LCDP plans to endorse those candidates who the party feels reflects our values and goals. I wanted to remind all members of how the endorsement process will operate.

1) Survey questions will be sent to all candidates the first week of January. All answers will be compiled and be available to all members by Feb. 1.

2) At the same time as they receive the survey questions from LCDP, candidates will be asked if they would like an endorsement from the party. LCDP will NOT endorse any candidate who does not want our endorsement.

Upcoming Events



LCDP January LCDP Executive Board Meeting, Monday, January 1 from 6:30-8:00pm, LCDP Office and Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/95948945791?pwd=YVJOd2ZGWlZhSm0lQU5nM1lr00zUT09>

LCDP January Member Meeting, Monday, January 17, 2024 from 6:30-8:00pm, In-person at the LCDP Office or on Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/91879624296?pwd=Yi9uYTJmZHQ2YlBGVW96eUJiVGRKQT09>.

3) At the Feb. 5, 2024 Exec Board meeting, the LCDP Exec Board will discuss and vote on endorsements based on the survey answers and other information about the candidate.

4) The LCDP Exec Board will present their recommendations for endorsement at our February meeting, where membership will vote on final endorsements.

5) After the February meeting, LCDP will announce our endorsements.

6) If we have any candidates involved in primaries, we will need to hold a special membership meeting after the primary election to make those endorsements. More information on this special meeting to come, if it is needed.

Endorsing in these local elections is an important way that LCDP participates in the political life of the community, as well as helps ensure our local leaders support our values.



3rd CD Congressional Primary Debate

LCDP, in conjunction with the 3rd CD Democrats, will be hosting a 3rd CD Congressional Primary debate on Wednesday, May 1 at 6:30pm at the Student Union at UWL. The debate will be open to the public, as well as live-streamed on the internet. All candidates will be in attendance.



LCDP Volunteers Needed

As the crucial 2024 election nears, we are in need of volunteers to help ensure we keep Wisconsin Blue. There are many ways to help!

Take the LCDP 2024 Volunteer Time and Talent Survey today and find out how you can help the Democrats in 2024! Take the survey at <https://forms.gle/MqWjK1NiS1BLZukp9>

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The meeting will be focused on preparing for local elections and hearing from local candidates.



In Memory of Senator and philanthropist Herb Kohl.
 “No senator but ours.” May his memory be a blessing.

LCDP WEEK OF SERVICE FOOD & NECESSITY DRIVE



The Necessity Drive will take place at the LCDP office (2318 State Rd) and we will be accepting donations from 12pm to 2pm from January 12 - January 18. We look forward to seeing you there! There will be empty boxes in front of the (inside) door of the LCDP office to collect goods, accessible from 10am-6pm daily.

We cordially invite you to join the La Crosse County Democratic Party Necessity Drive, taking place January 12th through the 18th. This is an opportunity for us to come together as a community and make a real difference in the lives of our fellow Wisconsinites who are struggling to make ends meet. During the Food and Necessity Drive, we will be accepting donations of essential items such as non-perishable food, personal hygiene products, and cleaning supplies. These items will be donated to WAFER to be distributed to local organizations that serve families and individuals in need. We hope you will consider donating whatever you can to help support our community. Whether you are able to give a little or a lot, every contribution makes a difference. Together, we can ensure that everyone in our community has access to the basic necessities they need to thrive.

LCDP Lending Library



Several LCDP Executive Board members have been working hard to create a Lending Library at the LCDP offices. We have books on politics, democracy, social justice, anti-racism and more. Visit the LCDP office to borrow any of our

books. Or, consider donating books to expand our library and help other members and friends understand what is at stake in these elections.



LCDP Food and Necessity Drive

<https://www.mobilize.us/widems/event/593357/>

La Crosse County Democratic Party Strategy Session

<https://www.mobilize.us/widems/event/593363/>

Sixty Days to Victory! La Crosse Canvass

<https://www.mobilize.us/widems/event/593362/>

Thank you to all who joined us for the 2023 LCDP Holiday Social. It was a wonderful time.



Letters to the Editor Project

The 3rd CD has created a Letters to the Editor Ideas document. This document contains two ideas for Letters to the Editor every week, complete with talking points and sources. The document is updated every Friday with new ideas. You can access this document any time at https://docs.google.com/document/d/11Tla8R4Qpcz9KEDleD0mLZPkfiW2WlaTJjC8II_b1bQ/edit?usp=sharing or email chair@3rdcdwisdems.com to sign up to have the document emailed to you every Friday.



Hannah Dull and Grant Mathu are working to create a Young Democrats group for La Crosse County! Follow their new Instagram @laxdems or email them at laxyoungdems@email.com for information.

Our Elected Officials

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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 Derrick Van Orden (R)
1513 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC, 20515-4903
Ph: 202-225-5506

32nd District State Senator Brad Pfaff
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Madison, WI 53707
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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
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95th Assembly District Representative Jill Billings
Room 4 West, State Capitol
P.O. Box 8952
Madison, WI 53708
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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

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(512) 660-2610

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vicechair@laxdems.com

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secretary@laxdems.com

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Ed Burgess
Hannah Dull
Fred Giese
Paul Kruse
Kelly Leibold

College Representative: Jake Williams



Committee Meeting Times

We really need help with our committees. Please consider joining one of our committees. Information is below!

Committee	Chair	Chair Contact	Meeting Time
Candidate Recruitment	William Garcia	chair@laxdems.com	3:00pm on the 2nd Thursday of the Month
Communications	William Garcia	chair@laxdems.com	6:30pm on the 4th Monday of every month
Constitution and Bylaws	Carla Peña	secretary@laxdems.com	5:00pm on the 4th Monday of every month
Events/Outreach	Fred Giese	giese.white@gmail.com	6:30pm on the 2nd Monday of every month
Fundraising	Cathy Van Maren	treasurer@laxdems.com	2:00pm on the last Thursday of the month
Membership	Kristie Tweed	vicechair@laxdems.com	4:00pm on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

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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 2024.

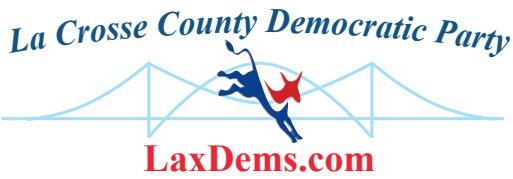
LCDP Podcast

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 County. <https://www.wizmnews.com/the-democratic-voice-with-william-garcia/>



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.



La Crosse County Democratic Party
 P. O. Box 1861
 La Crosse, WI 54602 -1861

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Membership in the La Crosse County Democratic Party ensures we have candidates who share our values, the infrastructure they need to campaign and the support they need to win elections. Consider joining the party today!

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:

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 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