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FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Shaping Policy



OUR MEMBERS UNDERSTAND FIRSTHAND THE CHALLENGES that come with overregulation, excessive inspections and permitting requirements, and laws that make it harder to get the job done.

This issue focuses on legal and regulatory issues, but it also carries an important political dimension. After all, most of the rules that impact our industry are created by elected officials. This fall, Wisconsin voters will once again head to the polls in an election that will influence the future of our state's construction industry. The balance of power in Madison will affect every builder in some way.

Wisconsin's merit shop community has worked hard to secure important policy victories, including Prevailing Wage Repeal, Project Labor Agreement Neutrality, and Right to Work protections. These achievements have helped preserve open competition and opportunity for contractors across the state. The upcoming election will play a significant role in determining whether those policies remain in place.

I encourage every member to take the time to research the candidates at both the state and local levels and to vote with your business's future in mind.

To help inform that process, this issue includes letters from two lieutenant governor candidates, highlights of key legislative elections from Wisconsin Senator and President Pro Tempore Patrick Testin, a letter from Republican gubernatorial candidate Tom Tiffany, and an overview of the Democratic candidates in the governor's race, by Civic Media's Dan Shafer.

ABC National recently released the results of a Harris Poll

showing that merit shop voters will decide the next election. Turnout is key. In Wisconsin, merit shop construction workers make up approximately 80% of the construction workforce. Our collective voice should be strong and clear, encouraging policymakers at every level to support and protect open competition.

Laura Kocum, ABC Wisconsin's Marketing and Communications Director, recently discussed the poll and the legislative goals of merit shop workers on the *New Fashioned Conservative* podcast. You'll see an excerpt from her interview in this issue.

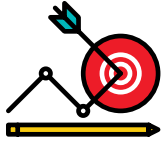
In addition, Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty attorney Lucas Vebber explores several reasons to oppose Project Labor Agreements and defend fair and open competition.

Regardless of which party holds power after the election, ABC Wisconsin remains committed to keeping members informed about the laws, regulations, and policy developments that affect your business. We value your membership and will continue doing our part to provide timely, relevant information in an ever-changing political and regulatory environment. [ABC Wisconsin](#)

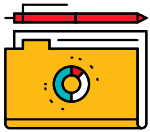
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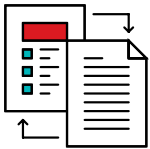


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AGAINST PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENTS



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hen you do business with the government, you expect a fair and even playing field. After all, government projects are funded by taxpayers and those taxpayers expect to get the best deal possible.

But when Government starts adding arbitrary requirements in order to do business with the

Government, it limits who can participate and necessarily drives up cost. One way this has happened is through the required use of project labor agreements (PLAs).

A PLA is a pre-hire collective bargaining agreement between a project's owner and various labor unions. Any contractor wishing to bid on or participate in that project has to agree to the PLA's terms, which would include using

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union labor. PLA requirements limit the ability of open-shop or merit-shop contractors to bid on and win public projects.

If that sounds unfair to you, you are not alone. These requirements limit competition by effectively boxing out non-union contractors, and drive up the cost of doing business, leaving taxpayers with the bill. For this reason, half the states, including Wisconsin, prohibit government entities from mandating project labor agreements for public projects. In those states that do not, however, government entities will often impose mandatory union labor requirements on public works projects.

So what can contractors in the other half of states do when faced with a PLA? They are not powerless. The United States Constitution protects the right of everyone to speak, which includes the right not to speak, and the right to associate with whoever they want. One such open shop contractor in New Jersey has gone

to Court to defend their rights under the United States Constitution.

New Jersey state law allows for government entities to require project labor agreements. Previously, there was a floor that only allowed PLAs to be used on projects valued at \$5 million or more. A law passed earlier this year removed that floor and allows PLAs to be required on all projects at the discretion of the government entity.

When open shop contractors are forced to abide by union labor contracts, it forces them to change their entire business model, forces them to support and associate with labor unions, and strips their workers of the right to choose their own representation. And that's exactly what an open shop contractor is arguing in a new federal lawsuit in New Jersey: that these requirements which mandate them to financially support and associate with labor unions violates their rights under the First Amendment. They are seeking to have New Jersey's PLA law declared unconstitutional.

The lawsuit is now pending, and will take some time to resolve through the trial court and then any potential appeal. But a win in New Jersey will have ramifications across the country where other open shop contractors are facing similar mandates from government entities.

The First Amendment provides vital protections, it is up to each and every American (whether you are a business or an individual) to stand up and defend those protections when government entities seek to take them away. 



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WISCONSIN TAXPAYERS WORK HARD FOR EVERY DOLLAR THEY EARN.

UNLOCKING WISCONSIN'S POTENTIAL:

My First 100 Days as Governor

Wisconsin has everything it needs to succeed.

We have hardworking families, innovative entrepreneurs, world-class manufacturers, family farms that feed the nation, and communities that still believe in the values that built this country.

Yet too many Wisconsinites feel like they are falling behind.

Young families are struggling to buy their first home. Small business owners are buried under red tape. Parents are frustrated by declining educational standards. Taxpayers are tired of sending more money to Madison without seeing better results.

Wisconsin's challenges aren't the result of a lack of potential. They are the result of a lack of leadership.

As governor, my mission will be simple: unlock Wisconsin's potential.

My first action as governor will be calling a special session to end Governor Tony Evers' 400-year property tax increase on day one.

Wisconsin families already pay some of the highest property taxes in America. Homeowners, seniors on fixed incomes, and young families should not have to worry about being taxed out of their homes because of a veto made with the stroke of a pen.

But ending the 400-year property tax increase is only the beginning.

Wisconsin also ranks among the bottom ten states to start a business.



Congressman Tiffany wants to be in DC as little as possible, but he made time there to meet and talk with ABC of WI volunteer leaders and chapter staff in June.

As a small business owner for twenty years, I know firsthand what it means to make payroll, balance a budget, and stretch every dollar. My wife, Chris, and I built our hospitality business the same way countless Wisconsin families build their lives: through hard work, responsibility, and careful planning.

Those values are missing in Madison.

When I first ran for office, it wasn't because I wanted to become a politician. I ran because I owned a small business and saw firsthand how high taxes and excessive regulations were making it harder to succeed.

That's why I will launch a "Red Tape Reset" during my first 100 days.

This initiative will reduce unnecessary regulations by 25 percent, streamline permit-

ting, and eliminate outdated rules that drive up costs for families and employers.

Wisconsin ranks as the 13th most regulated state in the country. The cost of that red tape is felt by everyone: the mom trying to open a day-care, the young entrepreneur stuck in a maze of permits and paperwork, and the first-time homebuyer waiting months to break ground.

Today, the average age of a first-time homebuyer in Wisconsin is 40, up from 29 just ten years ago.

But the good news is that we can reverse this trend. States that have embraced regulatory reform have seen real results. In Virginia, reforms to building regulations reduced the cost of new homes by more than \$24,000.

That means more families can afford to buy

GOVERNMENT SHOULD TREAT THOSE DOLLARS WITH RESPECT.

a home, builders can break ground faster, and young people can achieve the dream of homeownership again.

It's also time to put Wisconsin's "Open for Business" signs back up.

Our state should be a destination for entrepreneurs, manufacturers, and job creators. My administration will focus on lowering costs, reducing regulatory barriers, speeding up permitting, and creating a business climate where employers can grow and workers can thrive.

But none of that matters if we fail to prepare the next generation for success.

Wisconsin has a proud tradition of educational excellence, but we are falling behind. Today, seven in ten fourth graders are not reading proficiently.

We spend more per student than ever before, yet student outcomes continue to decline. More than half of Wisconsin employers say

our K-12 education system is not adequately preparing students for the workforce.

As governor, I will raise academic standards, restore accountability, strengthen reading instruction, and ensure education funding reaches students and teachers.

I will also expand apprenticeship opportunities, strengthen technical education, and partner with employers to prepare students for good-paying careers.

Finally, we must restore accountability to state government itself.

Wisconsin taxpayers work hard for every dollar they earn. Government should treat those dollars with respect.

For too long, Madison has operated without transparency or accountability.

Wisconsin now spends more than \$55 billion a year in the state budget, roughly the same as Illinois, despite having less than half the population.

My administration will rein in spending, conduct regular audits across state agencies, and root out waste and fraud.

The choice before Wisconsin is clear.

We can continue down the path of higher taxes, rising costs, more bureaucracy, and lower expectations.

Or we can unlock Wisconsin's potential.

We can make our state more affordable, more competitive, and more accountable. We can build a future where young people can afford to stay, raise a family, buy a home, and pursue the Wisconsin Dream. And we can protect the Wisconsin way of life.

I know our best days are still ahead, but getting there requires new leadership.

It's time for state government to get off your backs, out of your wallets, and out of your way. It's time to restore common sense to Madison. [ABC Wisconsin](#)



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The seven candidates running to be the Democratic nominee in the race for governor in Wisconsin. Back row (left to right): Mandela Barnes, David Crowley, Joel Brennan. Front row (left to right): Missy Hughes, Kelda Roys, Sara Rodriguez, Francesca Hong. Photo by Dan Shafer.

DEMS RAMP UP

THE PRIMARY FOR GOVERNOR

QUIET RACE SO FAR

By Dan Shafer – The Recombobulation Area



The Aug. 11 partisan primary in Wisconsin is now less than two months away, and the Democratic primary in the race for governor is about to hit crunch time.

But all things considered, this race has still been rather quiet. It made sense when the race was quiet in March and April, when candidates didn't want to muddy the waters and make sure Chris Taylor got across the finish line in the Spring Election race for state Supreme Court, but that relative quiet has made less sense in the months since. Now, with less than two months to go before the Aug. 11 primary, this race still does not feel like the type of inescapable, ads-on-every-screen election that we've all grown accustomed to in the political pressure cooker that is Wisconsin.

Some thought this race might heat up a bit before the end of the school year, before some tune out in the summer months, but that hasn't exactly happened, either. There's been a non-stop stream of candidate forums, a whole lot of

chatter in political circles about this race, but regular folks just haven't seemed all that tuned in to this primary.

Maybe that's about to change. The Democratic Party of Wisconsin's annual convention is happening this weekend, and while I am unfortunately unable to attend this time (apologies, readers, truly!), the timing of the event offers a good opportunity to take the pulse of what's happening and take a closer look at the state of the race.

So, let's dive in, candidate by candidate, alphabetically by last name. Let's recombobulate.

■ FORMER LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR MANDELA BARNES

Mandela Barnes could end up being the nominee.

He has the highest name ID in the race, he's regularly rolling out new policies and traversing the state, and his campaign is among the more well-funded in the race — at \$2 million, according to Politico. It is undeniable that he is a top-tier contender in this race.

But he is not the clear frontrunner. He also seems to be running a more general election-style campaign against presumptive Republican nominee Tom Tiffany, and it has been a mistake to think he would waltz right into top candidate status and head right to the general.

It also feels like Barnes is running a remarkably safe campaign. The policies he's rolling out are quite solid — an announcement on his "Wisconsin Way" policy platform arrived this week — but can often seem poll-tested and not particularly controversial. His media appearances might seem more disciplined than in his 2022 U.S. Senate run, but he also doesn't come across as particularly authentic — at a moment when Democratic voters are craving more authenticity from candidates. This campaign seems a little bit scared of its own shadow.

There are also electability concerns that surround Barnes' campaign. The chatter on that front might not be as loud as it is for Francesca Hong, but having defeated Barnes in a statewide race four years ago, Republicans don't seem to fear the possibility of going head-to-head with him again in 2026.

Last fall, before Barnes announced he'd be running for governor, I wrote a piece revisiting his 2022 run, where I discussed why his campaign was both underrated and overrated at the same time. But, I argued, if he ran for governor, he would need to learn the lessons from that loss and run a different kind of campaign this time around, or else he'd wind up losing again.



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Right now, his 2026 campaign for governor seems all too similar to his 2022 race for U.S. Senate — another too-cautious campaign that feels like it's coming off of a Democratic campaign assembly line. It doesn't seem built for the unique challenges facing the state or ready to seize the unique opportunity this year presents for Wisconsin.

At the same time, Barnes has the opportunity to demonstrate some evolution over the next two months. His "floor" is much higher than any other candidate, so he can afford to take some risks. If he can meet this challenge, level up, and win in August, he could be the state's next governor. But he is going to have to earn it. Right now, I'm not sure that he is.



■ FORMER DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION SECRETARY JOEL BRENNAN

For a while, it has seemed like Brennan was lurking as a potential dark horse in this race. As someone who hasn't run for office before, he's not going to have the name ID even regionally that some other elected officials do, but he has a lot of executive experience and a strong record of accomplishment throughout his career in and out of government.

Back in a past life, when I was a reporter at the *Milwaukee Business Journal*, I interviewed Brennan a few times when he was running Discovery World, and found him to be intelligent and engaging. His record as the secretary of

the Department of Administration, essentially the top cabinet official, in Tony Evers' first term, is an impressive one. For a less flashy, CEO-type, more technocratic leader who understands the ins and outs of state government, you could do a whole lot worse than Joel Brennan.



But several months into this race, he still has a long way to go to become a real factor in this primary. He went up with the first statewide TV ad buy of any candidate in the race just this week, but I did not find that ad to be a particularly strong one.

It seems too late in the race to be focusing on a personal introduction instead of highlighting what he would want to do as governor.

There's been talk that Brennan's brother-in-law, Exact Sciences CEO Kevin Conroy, could spend big in this campaign (especially after the Madison-based business sold for a reported \$23 billion), and while that can't be ruled out, the fact that it has not materialized just yet makes this purely theoretical. On policy, Brennan has yet to offer proposals that truly stand out and distinguish him from the field.

He could be a good governor and would be in a compelling position in a general election against Tiffany, but Brennan's bid right now still feels like a real longshot.

■ MILWAUKEE COUNTY EXECUTIVE DAVID CROWLEY

This campaign needs a wake-up call.

Last year, when I wrote a "too-early" preview of the race, I said Crowley had the highest upside of any candidate running, and I meant it. Perhaps that's part of my Milwaukee bias showing through, but I've long thought very highly of Crowley, endorsing him for County Executive in 2020, and admiring his record of accomplishment in the role.

I'm always interested in candidates who have the potential to bring the party together, instead of being mired in the perpetual progressive vs. moderate 2016 primary-type of divide, and I thought Crowley could be that candidate in this race. When he first ran for Milwaukee County Executive, he ran as a "bridge builder," and in many ways, that's the mentality a leader in a purple state like Wisconsin needs to demonstrate. Having been a state representative for several terms and then going on to lead the state's most populous county, where he was able to negotiate the landmark shared revenue and sales tax deal, seemed to bode well for his ability to navigate the complexities of state and local government. He's been a rising star in



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Democratic politics in Wisconsin — poised to be among the top candidates, a true contender in the race for governor.

But this campaign has been entirely uninspiring. It might be the most invisible of the seven campaigns — baffling considering the young, personable candidate who is running. The hopeful, "bridge-builder" energy from his County Executive campaigns just isn't there. At this point, it seems more likely that Crowley will drop out before the primary than wind up winning it. His campaign has been a huge disappointment.

To be fair, part of this is due to factors beyond his control. It's not his fault that Milwaukee County experienced major flooding in April (and had federal relief for record flooding last year denied by the Trump administration). He has the most active full-time job of any candidate in the field, without a doubt, and that seems to have taken him away from the campaign trail to some degree.

But some of the news coming out of Milwaukee County in recent months has reflected poorly on a central message of his campaign — executive experience. Following an error that could have led to a lapse in health insurance coverage for thousands of County employees, Crowley fired a top official in his Department of Human Resources. The Milwaukee County Transit System, which announced an unexpected budget deficit in June 2025 that was concealed from County officials and has since gone through a tumultuous time with changes in leadership, with a recent audit suggesting lack of financial oversight and muddled governance of the bus system. On their own, these types of stories might not be so damaging for a candidate, but pieced together, they become all the more problematic for a campaign running on competent, stable leadership.

In a recent interview with the Wisconsin State Journal, Crowley said he's the candidate Republicans fear most in a general election, if he wins in August. There might be something to that, but right now, he's in no position to win in

August. He needs to turn things around before it's too late. Is it already too late?

■ STATE REP. FRANCESCA HONG

The buzziest of any campaign in the race, Hong has gone from wildcard curiosity to genuine contender. But reaching contender status opens her up to a whole new level of scrutiny, and we're seeing that play out in recent weeks — to mixed results.

A CNN story about Hong's previous tweets on defunding and abolishing police invited a conversation about those controversial public safety policy positions, but despite how inevitable such a story seemed, the campaign's statement in response was lacking. A subsequent Milwaukee Journal Sentinel story on how she'd envision a world "without prisons" drove home the reality that she is going to face some real challenges on matters of public safety, even as many voters gravitate to her economic populist message.

There was also the recent story about her being sued over credit card debts, which reminds me of stories about Mandela Barnes four years ago regarding his property taxes and college diploma. These stories of millennials encountering financial challenges might seem to have some working class relatability in a primary, but could be more of an issue in a general election where experience is questioned.

On the issues, though, there have been ways in which Hong continues to stand out from the field. Throughout this campaign, there have been numerous forums and discussions that feature many of the candidates, and a recent one showcased an issue where Hong has set herself apart — data centers.

A question from moderator JT Cestkowski, who covers labor issues at Status Coup News,



asked if candidates would support a data center moratorium. Surprisingly, only Hong said yes.

So, what's a more salient issue in 2026 — “defund the police” tweets, or data center politics? It's probably the latter.

Nevertheless, the electability debate will continue to swirl around Hong's campaign. There are people who think she flat out cannot win a statewide race at all, and there are people who think she can indeed defeat Tom Tiffany in the general election this fall. It's also quite clear that Republicans would love to run against a Madison socialist who tweeted about defunding the police; they're acting like she's a dream candidate to go up against, and that can't be entirely discounted as a larger factor in the campaign.



But Hong has built an impressive ground game to go with her robust digital presence. A recent Politico story highlighted a quote from Rock County Democratic leader Jim

White, who said she's the

“only candidate” with any infrastruc-

ture or active canvassers in the county.

Hong's overall ceiling might be lower than that of other candidates, and some of her policy positions are going to be controversial, and in some cases, rather unpopular. But the thing about being the wildcard in the race is that an unconventional approach can lead to some unexpected results. We've seen that so far in the campaign, and that could continue to be true in the coming weeks and months as this campaign heads to the home stretch, too.

■ LT. GOV. SARA RODRIGUEZ

With Mandela Barnes' higher profile and Francesca Hong's surging campaign, many have wondered who of the rest of the field might be poised to make a jump. Perhaps it's going to be Sara Rodriguez.

New polling I reported on this week suggests Rodriguez is clearly ahead of the other four candidates, and is among the only candidates on the rise (along with Hong). While these results do come from Rodriguez internal polling, it aligns with larger perceptions of the primary contest, and the numbers don't lie. She is in a better position than many other candidates in this race, having built some separation between her and several candidates mired in single digits, and the polling suggests Rodriguez is picking up voters who may have previously supported Barnes.

With television ad buys now seeming to start, outside groups aligned with Rodriguez

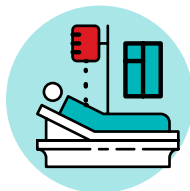
and Crowley, respectively, have put out ads with buys in major markets, and the lieutenant governor's ad is a far better one — with more money behind it.

The lieutenant governor has, however, had a couple notable stumbles on the campaign trail. Leaked audio from a campaign event showed her saying she'd craft the budget “behind a curtain” if elected, and she had to walk back comments made during an interview about how she would respond to ICE's use of administrative (not judicial) warrants. While these stories do suggest she might have a tendency to say the wrong thing, these do not present insurmountable challenges. But if her campaign continues to rise, her statements will invite more scrutiny. She'll have to strike the right balance between improving her responses in unscripted moments without sacrificing authenticity.

Health care is an issue with a huge advantage for Democrats and will be a salient one after funding cuts with the “Big Beautiful Bill,” which Tom Tiffany supported. Rodriguez can make a claim to that being her signature issue, given her background as a nurse and work within the health care industry.

Given the recent history of successful statewide campaigns, I wonder if Rodriguez's run could wind up looking like that of what we've seen from state Supreme Court candidacies, where women at the top of the ticket perform well and deliver victories, leaning into signature issues with broad support. Being from blue-trending Waukesha County and having flipped an Assembly seat there could be another mark in Rodriguez's favor, especially with Tiffany being from northern Wisconsin and not having the built-in WOW county notoriety that other Republicans running statewide have enjoyed.

Rodriguez could wind up as the nominee, and if she does, she would likely be the favorite to win against an extreme right-wing candidate like Tom Tiffany in a year where Democrats have the advantage, on balance.



■ STATE SEN. KELDA ROYS

The most notable turn in Roys' candidacy came when she gained the “recommendation” of the Wisconsin Education Association Council (WEAC)'s Political Action Committee and gaining this key backing from the state's largest teachers union was a strong boost for her campaign.

And on the other side of the coin from Missy Hughes, (who has since exited the race), Roys was the first to come out against the Evers-Vos-LeMahieu surplus spending deal,



HEALTH CARE IS AN ISSUE WITH A HUGE ADVANTAGE FOR DEMOCRATS AND WILL BE A SALIENT ONE AFTER FUNDING CUTS WITH THE “BIG BEAUTIFUL BILL.”

demonstrating that she's willing to be a leader on tough issues. She's also been putting out smart, nuanced policy proposals and has enough progressive bonafides to be in a position to pick up support should Hong or Barnes stumble. It seems like the arrow has been pointing up for the Roys campaign.

But it just hasn't been enough. Roys is not gaining momentum in this race, and it's not all that clear why. Perhaps Hong running cut into some of her Madison base. Perhaps Barnes running crowded out the lane for another non-socialist progressive. Perhaps her early fundraising wasn't where it needed to be. Perhaps a WEAC endorsement doesn't mean what it once might have. Whatever it is, the support is just not materializing in a way that's making a meaningful impact on this race. She meets the criteria but still isn't being selected.

Like Crowley, Brennan and Hughes, Roys is intelligent and accomplished and more than qualified to be governor. But with less than two months to go before primary election day, a whole lot would have to change very quickly for Roys — or any of the bottom four in the race — to be in position to win. [ABC Wisconsin](#)

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Merit Shop Votes

PODCAST HIGHLIGHTS ABC POLICY EFFORTS

The following interview transcript includes excerpts from the “New Fashioned Conservative” podcast, hosted by Justin Phillips. Justin interviewed ABC Wisconsin’s Marketing and Communications Director, Laura Kocum, and the program aired on May 25, 2026.

Justin: ABC National did this poll called the Merit Shop Voters Survey, which was conducted by the Harris Poll. It goes against this kind of prevailing myth that says union labor is what Republicans need to win. Can you tell us a little bit about what ABC learned in that poll? How does it change the idea that the GOP needs to focus on union shops versus merit shops or the voters in those organizations?

Laura: I think this poll dispelled some beliefs that have been long held, even by the Republican Party, that part of building a coalition is incorporating union policies into our public platforms. This poll surveyed people all over the nation, [it] took a look at the merit shop workers, [it] took a look at union workers, [it] took a look at where they’re leaning and found that the majority of merit shop workers, in particular, are supporting a more conservative platform. That matters, because 80% of the construction workforce is a merit shop workforce. That’s a huge majority in Wisconsin. And nationally, it’s 90% of the workforce. So, this is a loud voice. It’s an influential voice.

And it’s one that’s been frequently overlooked, I think, mainly because politicians don’t understand the fine tuning of what their policies actually create and how they box out members.

It’s time for politicians to start looking at,



“what do the Merit Shops need? What do these voters want?” These are the hardworking men and women in our communities that are building schools, roads, buildings, churches, houses, all the things. And they just want to work. They want policies that are going to allow them to work in their own backyard.

Justin: Yeah, I think we’ve seen a little bit of this. They’re voting on issues like jobs, the economy taxes, keeping government out of the way.

Laura: I know within our membership, the vast majority of companies who are members of ABC Wisconsin are your local family-owned businesses. They are businesses that have been homegrown right here in Wisconsin. They hire Wisconsin workers. They’re training those workers through our apprenticeship program. We have, I think, 2,600 apprentices right now enrolled in our program. Our enrollment for this next year is already looking to break records again. We have broken records over and over because these local companies really want to invest in their local communities. They want to see the workforce grown from within. They also want policies that are going to allow them to do that.

The unions- this was another interesting part of the poll. They’re out of touch even with their own base. When you survey union construction workers, if you outline policies and ask them how they feel about those policies, most of them want to see the best competitor win. They’re not looking for favoritism. No one wants to be favored. They want to do the work well and they want to be respected for the work they’re doing. This poll was interesting because it showed that even amongst unionized workers, they’re still supporting policies that are pro-business and pro-construction.

Justin: Yeah, I think it said in there that unions, trade workers, whether it’s union or non-union, oppose carve outs for the unions. They oppose project labor agreements by a two to one margin.

Laura: Yes! I think that is really more about education of what a project labor agreement really means. For people who don’t under-

stand it, it sounds like a very neutral term. But it's not. I can give you an example:

One of our member companies was in a town with a school district that wanted to build. The superintendent sent out the project for bids but included a project labor agreement requirement in that bid. (They're not supposed to do this, but they did.) Our member company couldn't bid on it because they can't work with those agreements. They can't use their own local people to work on the project. They would have to go outside of the community, hire outside union employees to work on the project, and they would be unable to have the same safety controls that they have built in with their own culture.

So, the school superintendent calls the company and says, "why aren't you bidding on this project? Your kids go to my school. You're located just a mile down the road, why aren't you participating?" They had to explain, "it's because of the way this agreement is written it prevents us from using our own resources."

That's a common misconception across the state. These local companies want to work on local projects. they want to keep their employees in town, and they want to keep them employed working on local projects and take pride in that school. Project labor agreements prevent them from doing this.

Justin: You mentioned something that I think is really interesting is about workforce development.

Can you just talk a little bit about what you're doing in the workforce development space?

Laura: Absolutely. We're very proud of our apprenticeship program. Right now, we're training in 12 different distinct trades across the state. We partner with technical colleges across the state to help make this training possible. ABC is also opening our own school this fall.

It's been exciting because we've broken records the last three years for enrollment. We are at this point, one of the largest, if not the largest organization training apprentices and all of these trades now in Wisconsin and demand continues. We have a long list of students who are reaching out and wanting to participate in our programs.



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Justin: So, what should legislators and candidates be talking about when it comes to training employees or connecting with merit shop employees? What should they be talking about with them on the doors to get them to their side?

Laura: We need more candidates to understand some of the fine details of why these construction policies matter. We need legislators to be educated on the dangers of putting up this red tape that they don't understand. Then we need them to be able to articulate to our workforce that they care about them having the ability to work in their own backyard.

We want to see legislators invested in the community, invested in their voter base and understanding that they need to open the door for more opportunities to compete. They need to remove red tape so that our members can do their work, to the best of their ability, in the most efficient way possible.

Justin: The construction industry is facing a lot of challenges, workforce shortages, over-regulation.

What is ABC doing to tackle some of those threats?

Laura: We want policies here that are going to continue the success that we've built. ABC National does a Merit Shop scorecard where they compare state to state the success of different state policies. Right now, Wisconsin is sitting at number one in the United States for being open to Merit Shop policies and construction. A lot of that happened, you know, during the Walker years.

We continue to have right to work here. We continue to have a repeal of prevailing wage. We continue to have project labor agreement neutrality in Wisconsin. That means that our people are allowed to work openly. We know that all of that could be repealed. We know that any change in the elections, any change in who our leadership could be, could make a difference, positive or negative, for the merit shops.

Our job right now is to educate our members and to also educate the public as to why these policies matter, why the average suburban mom should care about merit shop policy and how it affects how her kids' school is built. And we need to make sure that education is out there so that when we go to the polls, we are voting for policies that are going to continue to allow our local construction companies to build in the communities where they exist right now.

Justin: Right. Do you have anything else you want to touch on?

Laura: I will just say that I think the local elections matter. People show up for a presidential election, and those are important, but it's your local school board who's going to decide who can bid on your school. It's your local city council who's going to decide who builds the fire department or the police department. It's important for our electorate to show up not just for those great big elections but to pay attention to the smaller ones too.

Justin: Well, Laura, it was really great to talk to you today. I really appreciate you taking the time.

Laura: Thanks, Justin. We appreciate the time to tell our story.

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THE CORE FOUR

CONTROL OF THE SENATE AT STAKE

By Sen. Patrick Testin –
Wisconsin Senate President Pro Tempore

Originally published in the Heartland Post – the news source of record for the Midwest conservative movement.

I have affectionately dubbed them “The Core Four”, but what they will deliver for the districts they are running to represent is even greater than their kitschy name.

Republicans currently hold an 18-15 majority in the Wisconsin State Senate, but the slate of candidates up for election this cycle promises to deliver an even stronger majority than the caucus already holds. While midterm election cycles tend to be their own type of animal, 2026 will be unlike anything we have seen before. Thanks to the hyper-liberal state supreme court, which is supposed to be focused on justice and not acting as a super-legislature, constituents in odd-numbered state senate districts will be voting for their state senator in districts that looked drastically different in 2018, 2022, and 2026 – courtesy of the supreme court and their decision to overrule the legislature’s constitutional duty to craft district maps only once a decade.

Members of the senate’s minority caucus have been living in la-la-land, thinking that they will simply walk into the majority this November. Democratic leaders should probably spend less time measuring the drapes in the Majority Leader’s office and focus more on actually helping their constituents – as senate Republicans continue to work for Wisconsinites, which is what really matters.

In terms of which party controls the senate, next session will be no different. Thanks



Left to Right: Mike Roberts, Howard Marklein, Michele Skinner and Jim Croft

to the “Core Four”, senate Republicans will hold a strong majority that works to reduce costs, lower property taxes and invest in the priorities of families across the state. In order to maintain the majority, Republicans need to win two of the four “toss-up” seats in the state senate. However, the candidates running in those seats are likely to deliver four solid wins. So, who are the “Core Four”?

Mike Roberts is a physical therapist, small business owner, husband and father from the 5th state senate district who is running to fix the root cause of issues like affordability and access to healthcare.

Howard Marklein is the sitting senator for Wisconsin’s 17th state senate district and a CPA. In the legislature, he has made it his mission to protect Wisconsin’s checkbook and is a fierce advocate for the rural communities that he represents in the southwest corner of our state.

Jim Croft is a small business owner, IT professional, husband and father who lives in the 21st state senate district. He is going to be a valuable member of our caucus and will focus on practical solutions to the issues that people in his district face, ensuring the next generation of Wisconsinites have access to the same opportunities that he did.

Michele Skinner, our candidate in the 31st state senate district, is an Eau Claire county board supervisor, former news anchor, community leader and mother. Michele’s common-sense agenda resonates with the people of western Wisconsin who want to keep more of their hard earned money, and lower property

taxes so they can afford the basics like gas and groceries.

As you can see, senate Republicans are on track to maintain the majority and continue our fight for Wisconsinites who want relief from rising costs, reduced property taxes and elected officials who truly understand what matters most to them. Senate Democrats’ maneuver to tank the bipartisan state surplus deal that would have returned over a billion dollars to working Wisconsinites is proof that they are only out for power and partisan gain.

You can support these candidates and the Republican senate majority by donating today:

■ Mike Roberts: <https://secure.winred.com/mike-roberts-for-state-senate>

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I am confident that this group of truly exceptional candidates will lead us to victory in November, allowing us to continue supporting families, businesses and individuals in all corners of the state. On, Wisconsin!

Sen. Patrick Testin is the Wisconsin Senate President Pro Tempore. The Committee to Elect a Republican Senate (CERS) is the only campaign committee in Wisconsin with the mission of protecting and recruiting Republican members of the State Senate. 

MAKING WISCONSIN AMERICA'S OPPORTUNITY STATE

By Will Martin, Candidate for Lt. Governor



Lt. Governor candidate Will Martin speaks at a rally, joined by (L-R) Former Gov. Scott Walker, Congressman Bryan Steil, Assembly Speaker Robin Vos and Senator Ron Johnson.

Thank you to Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) of Wisconsin for the opportunity to share my vision for serving as Lt. Governor and helping your membership build the Badger State over the next several years.

The Lt. Governor's Office is as impactful as the incumbent's imagination, skills, experience, and relationship with the Governor. In my case, I am running for Lt. Governor as the only candidate in either party to have served in senior roles on behalf of Governors Tommy Thompson and Scott Walker. During the Thompson administration, it was my pleasure to serve as Deputy Director in the Governor's Office before leading a quarter-billion-dollars of groundbreaking welfare-to-work reforms. As a reformer, my team and I successfully helped thousands of parents gain the education, job training, and employment needed to support their families, while saving the taxpayers of Wisconsin \$30 million in the first two years.

Under Governor Walker, my roles included expanding housing affordability as well as workforce and economic development. When President Trump established Opportunity Zones, it was my privilege to identify and finalize 120 federally designated, economically distressed areas across both rural and urban Wisconsin, attracting hundreds of millions of dollars in private investment in business development and construction. Additionally, as Walker's Strategic Workforce Initiatives

Director, I helped raise millions in public and private dollars to expand construction skills training and bring hundreds of young men and women into the trades.

Given my experience, I envision helping Governor Tiffany...and ABC of Wisconsin... get the Badger State back on track in the following ways:

■ **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**...Using my experience in leading welfare-to-work reforms and construction trades training, I will help the Governor reform the state's FoodShare Employment & Training and Non-Custodial Programs. These programs represent thousands of able-bodied Wisconsinites, who often lack critical skills needed to earn family-supporting wages. I will help the Governor convert public benefit programs into workforce development pipelines to generate the workforce our businesses need to build the Badger State. Working with industry leaders like ABC of Wisconsin, we will be able to help today's benefit recipients become tomorrow's employees and taxpayers.

■ **YOUTH & ADULT APPRENTICESHIPS**... Under Governors Thompson and Walker, Wisconsin established and expanded youth apprenticeships, opportunities for our state's young people to learn about and experience various careers. The state has a robust apprenticeship program, and ABC of Wisconsin is a leader in that regard. Still, the state has

not led in creating a continuous pipeline between youth and adult apprenticeship. On behalf of Governor Tiffany, I would like to work industry, the K-12 system, the technical college system, and state government to create that pipeline.

■ **HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**...The vast number of young people in Wisconsin see homeownership as an increasingly distant, if not impossible, dream. The state's housing starts today are a fraction of what they were decades ago. Simultaneously, our cities today own thousands of empty residential lots, parcels where housing once stood and where infrastructure (e.g., water, sewer, electrical, etc.) are already available. The City of Milwaukee alone owns between 2,000 and 3,000 such non-tax-generating lots. I propose a new initiative, Rebuild Wisconsin, a partnership between state and local government as well as the private sector to rebuild starter homes on these vacant lots, from Superior to Beloit. Building in neighborhood-wide volume would allow economies of scale, provide job training opportunities, and expand options for young people to realize the American Dream through affordable homeownership.

■ **RED TAPE RESET**...Too often, state and local government create more costly and time-consuming administrative burdens...a bureaucrat tax...for the private sector. The construction industry is a prime example of this. Wisconsin is now one of the most regulated states. The cost of administrative regulations can increase a project substantially, making it impossible to pencil out positively. I would like to partner with ABC of Wisconsin and other industry leaders to identify onerous administrative regulations that are holding back building the Badger State, and present findings to Governor Tiffany for elimination.

These are just four concrete ways I would like to work for and with the members of ABC of Wisconsin and other Wisconsinites as your next Lt. Governor. Having known Tom Tiffany for years now, I know he is committed to getting Wisconsin moving forward again. With your support and partnership, a Tiffany-Martin administration will make Wisconsin America's Opportunity State. 



I WILL WORK TO GIVE PARENTS A CHOICE AND A VOICE IN EDUCATION, AND WORK TO RAISE TEST SCORES, STANDARDS AND EXPECTATIONS FOR OUR STUDENTS. WE NEED TO PROMOTE AND SUPPORT APPRENTICESHIPS AND TECHNICAL SCHOOLS.

THE VARNAM PLATFORM

LT. GOV. CANDIDATE ADDRESSES ISSUES

**By David Varnam –
Candidate for Lt. Governor**

As we approach the August 11 primary, voters in the Republican primary for Lieutenant Governor will have a choice. Since announcing my candidacy for that position, I have been talking about issues and being bold if elected. That is what voters want and desire.

We can all think of politicians that said what they would do if elected, then after being elected seemed to do the opposite. When I ran for Mayor of Lancaster in 2016, I ran as a fiscal conservative. When I left office in

2022 after serving three terms, Lancaster had the lowest property taxes and lowest utility fees of any city in Grant County. I was the first Mayor of Lancaster in over 20 years to use the veto, and I used it multiple times including to veto a 40% stormwater fee increase. I broke a tie to defeat a “wheel tax.” I did what I told voters I would do.

Now I am running for Lieutenant Governor, hoping to work with Congressman Tom Tiffany to make Wisconsin a leader in the Midwest and United States again. I have traveled to all corners of our state since announcing my candidacy in late September, driving more than 45,000 miles and visiting more than 60 of Wisconsin’s 72 counties.

Together we can be bold on lowering taxes, cutting red tape, shrinking the size of government, protecting the sanctity of life, and keeping men out of women’s sports and their bathrooms. I support the Merit Trifecta and Act 10.

We need to improve our education system and the opportunities it provides our children, including career readiness. I will work to give parents a choice and a voice in education, and work to raise test scores, standards and expectations for our students. We need to promote and support apprenticeships and technical schools.

For 5 years I served as a housing, water, and transportation aide in the Southern California district office of now retired Congressman Gary Miller (R-CA). Congressman Miller, a home builder, founded the Building a Better America Caucus in Congress. The Caucus focused on “supporting infrastructure investment, construction contractors, and the American building industry.” I met with many in the building industry to discuss ways to cut red tape, cut bureaucracy and speed up approval processes, and limit the delays caused by government. I will take this experience with me to Madison if elected.

Prior to my time with Congressman Gary Miller, I served as a federal policy analyst for Dr. James Dobson at Focus on the Family.

My unique background as a former rural mayor, former federal policy analyst for Dr. James Dobson, and as a former housing, water, and transportation aide to a Member of Congress sets me apart. I will be able to use my wide breadth of knowledge to advise a Governor Tom Tiffany and to advocate for his accomplishments with the media, groups, and individuals throughout the state.

I am proud to be endorsed by organizations and individuals across the state including Wisconsin Family Action PAC and Pro-Life Wisconsin PAC. [Pac Wisconsin](#)

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By 2024, Americans had become well-acquainted with the consequences of years of Democrats' failed policies. Open borders wreaked havoc on communities across America. Out-of-control spending led to skyrocketing inflation that squeezed the pocketbooks of working- and middle-class families. The Biden-Harris Administration's radical regulatory regime stifled businesses and put economic growth at risk.

Republicans told the American people that — if given the opportunity to govern — we would reverse the damage and get our nation back on track. For far too long, the federal government turned a blind eye to people who did not take the traditional four-year college path. Instead of continuing to ignore America's skilled workers and those pursuing a career in the trades, Republicans went to work and passed H.R. 1, the Working Families Tax Cuts Act.

H.R. 1 allows 529 plans, a tax-advantaged tuition program, to be used for a wider range of educational expenses such as job training, post-secondary credentialing, and fees for testing programs. The bill also expands Workforce Pell Grants by making short job training and upskilling programs eligible for funding. These investments in students pursuing technical degrees, apprenticeship programs, and upskilling opportunities will strengthen Wisconsin's economy and provide greater opportunities for many Americans for generations to come.

Beyond strengthening our workforce, Republicans enacted reforms to help middle- and working-class families. The Working Families Tax Cuts Act not only avoided the largest tax increase in American history, but also provided tax relief for overtime pay. Rewarding those who go the extra mile to keep our country running was long overdue, and I am proud that House Republicans delivered on our promise to reward Wisconsinites' strong work ethic.



Congressman Scott Fitzgerald

Additionally, I have continued to work with my colleagues on bringing reforms to Washington that — as Wisconsin's Senate Majority Leader — I helped pass to save taxpayer dollars and encourage job growth. This includes my support of the National Right-to-Work Act and Fair and Open Competition Act.

The National Right-to-Work Act would curb the power of union bosses to force workers to pay union dues as a condition of employment. The Fair and Open Competition Act would prohibit government-mandated project labor agreements (PLAs) for federal or federally-funded projects. Taken together, these bills would save billions of taxpayer dollars and preserve free, fair, and open competition practices for employees and employers alike.

Republicans have also delivered much-needed regulatory and tax relief to our small businesses. Through the Working Families Tax Cuts Act, we strengthened and made permanent the Small Business Deduction, provided estate tax relief, and made permanent full and immediate expensing for equipment and machinery. These reforms position Main Street businesses to continue investing in themselves, their employees, and our communities. I look forward to continuing our work to expand America's workforce, put more money in the pockets of working-class families, and cut red tape to support small businesses. [abc.wisconsin](#)



L-R, US Senator Ron Johnson, Congressman Fitzgerald, and national ABC vice chair Jessica Cannizzaro discuss open competition for federal construction projects.

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• Meyer Plumbing, LLC

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• Ottum Electric LLC

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• Trusted Electric LLC

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• Vincent Plumbing

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• Weber Electric LLC

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• Wisco Plumbing, LLC

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• Zehren Electric LLC

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