



Weekly News from Your Wisconsin Democratic Party Chair

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Dear fellow Wisconsin Democrats,

Exhale.

This election year is finally drawing to a close.

At long last, the Democratic Party of Wisconsin will finally take a break for the next two weeks. We'll return to work on January 4, ready to take on the next wave of challenges—and to celebrate the peaceful transition of power to an administration that believes in democracy.

Before that, though, I wanted to share some stunning numbers with you about our work together in 2020:

- **1 million volunteer conversations with voters** via phone and text—more than ten times the number of conversations in 2016 for which we have records
- **More than 20 million calls** to voters via virtual phone banks and autodialers
- **10 million text messages** sent from volunteers to voters
- **100,000 volunteer shifts** completed by 30,000 volunteers in the summer and fall, 70% in-state and 30% out of state
- **542 staff** on the DPW payroll at our peak, including the coordinated campaign organizers, by election day—more than triple the 2016 head count
- **\$37.5 million raised** by the party across our federal and state party accounts—more the total raised by any other state party in the country, in a record-breaking year nationwide
- Trailblazing, entertaining **virtual events such as the Princess Bride reunion that engaged 225,000 unique donors** and mobilized thousands of volunteers

As the New York Times wrote after the election, “After 2016 Shock, Wisconsin Democrats Picked Themselves Off the Floor.” Indeed. Now, together, we're soaring.

A victory like this year's is the product of countless thousands of people working in concert. I'm profoundly grateful to everyone on our team, to every volunteer and county party activist and candidate and elected official—to everyone who chipped in, who stepped up, who kept coming back. This took all of us. And together we did it.

On behalf of our entire team, I wish you the very happiest of holidays and a great New Year.

With appreciation,

Ben

FIGHT on the Issues & FIGHT to Win

Electoral College Votes Finally Cast for Biden!

On Monday, after years of hard work, **Wisconsin's 10 Democratic electors officially cast their votes for Joe Biden**, sealing his victory in the Badger state. The importance of this largely procedural event was underscored by Trump and the Republican's continued refusal to accept the results of the election and muddy the waters of our democratic process. But it is official, and because of the hard work of millions of workers, leaders, and voters across the state, Joe Biden will be President.

Gov. Tony Evers spoke to the importance of this moment after the votes were officially cast to be sent to Congress saying, *"We made it. Today we did our part to continue the long and sacred tradition of our democracy of honoring the will of the people."*

As Chair Wikler said as he kicked off the meeting of Wisconsin's Electors, *"To every Wisconsinite, every American who doubted, today makes it real. Your vote counted. Your vote mattered. Your vote was powerful beyond measure. Your vote changed the world. Democracy won."*

Thanks so much to Wisconsin's ten electors:

- Governor Tony Evers
- DPW Secretary Meg Andrietsch
- State Rep. Shelia Stubbs
- Wisconsin Education Association Council President Ron "Duff" Martin
- Lt. Gov. Mandela Barnes
- DNC Member Khary Penebaker
- Columbia County Democratic Party Chair Mary Arnold
- State Sen. Patty Schachtner
- Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council President Shannon Holsey
- DPW Chair Ben Wikler



Ron Johnson Continues to Fail Wisconsin

America's Worst Senator, Ron Johnson, consistently made a fool of himself this week undermining the democratic process and opposing urgently needed COVID relief funds. Johnson acknowledged Biden's win early this week, and then immediately held a hearing to undermine the outcome of the election on Wednesday. This blatant partisan hackery and spread of discredited conspiracies, joined by several of his Republican colleagues, is an affront to the values that Wisconsinites hold dear.

Then, today, Ron Johnson blocked \$1200 stimulus checks that would provide relief to our economy and to working families across the country. Ron Johnson has made it clear time and again that he does not care about his constituents and is only interested in using his senate seat to pass tax cuts for the rich. That is why we need your support to vote him out in 2022! Go to [THIS LINK](#) to become a monthly donor to DPW as we gear up for the next election cycle.



Vaccines Have Arrived!

The first batch of vaccines arrived in Wisconsin this week as the state began distribution to health care professionals across Wisconsin. As the long process of distribution began, Gov. Tony Evers is continuing to offer steady leadership, urging Wisconsinites to be vigilant and avoid large gatherings during the holidays. It is essential that we continue to heed the warnings of public health experts, and this vaccine is a sign of a new stage in the fight against the pandemic.

As Wisconsin Dr. Joseph Weber said after receiving the vaccine after treating COVID patients, "*Christmas early — that's what it is. For the first time in nine months there's light at the end of the tunnel.*"



INCLUDE & RESPECT

Black Women Lead the Fight Against COVID-19

The first frontline worker vaccinated in Wisconsin this week was a Black woman named Chestina Schubert. Schubert is a respiratory therapist at UW Health, and she made it clear that she wanted to send a message to her community about the importance of this vaccine saying, "*I want people to know and see for themselves that it is safe. Vaccines do work. For my community, now they have a name and a face of someone who got the vaccine... I want to inspire people, especially the patients that look like me that I take care of every day.*"

Black women like Sandra Lindsay, an intensive care nurse in Long Island who was the first person to receive the vaccine, and Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett, a leader in the development of the Moderna vaccine, are at the forefront of fighting this virus. We are thankful for their work, and are humbled by the number of lives they will save because of their leadership.



EMPOWER the Grassroots

Help Us Flip the Senate!

Democrats in Georgia can win the two seats we need to secure a Democratic Senate majority. But it's going to take grassroots support from you! Browse to the link below to help our friends in Georgia and at Fair Fight Action to win these senate seats so we can make progress on all the issues facing our nation. This may be the most important fight yet and you can help!

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