

2024 OWR Local Endorsement Form



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Preferred Method of Contact _____

Primary Points of your platform _____

Questions when completing this application? Email Electoral Strategy Organizer Anders Hanhan at anders@ourwisconsinrev.com

Process

1. When a Candidate for an Office requests an Endorsement from Our Wisconsin Revolution, all Candidates for that Office are sent this Questionnaire.
2. Responses to the Electoral Committee are requested within seven (7) days. OWR's endorsement process is overseen by a volunteer committee overseen by the OWR Executive Director and Electoral Strategy Organizer. The committee identifies candidates who merit consideration for endorsement, invites them to complete an initial screening questionnaire, conducts candidate interviews (If deemed necessary by the committee), makes endorsement decisions by majority ranked choice vote of the committee/members, and notifies endorsed candidates.

In local primary or general elections for school board and municipal or county offices, local chapters with a governing committee or endorsement panel of at least six members may act independently to evaluate candidates in their area and make endorsement decisions. In areas with no local chapter or one lacking the capacity to establish an endorsement committee with six or more members, the state endorsement committee handles the endorsement process in

consultation with local OWR activists.

3. If no Response is received, a Candidate **will not be considered for Endorsement.**

4. After the initial endorsement form is returned to the endorsement committee, the candidate(s) may be asked to fill out a follow up questionnaire to clarify their stances on specific issues. If further clarification is needed. The endorsement committee will ask the candidate(s) to do a video interview for the endorsement committee to review. (This interview will not be shared with the general public. Only endorsement committee members).

4. For any Office, OWR may Endorse a Candidate or provide No Endorsement; for a Primary Election, should No Endorsement occur, a Candidate will automatically be considered for Endorsement in the General Election.

6. All Candidates will be informed about the outcome.

Our Wisconsin Revolution Local Platform

The following are our local components of our platform and organizational goals, please affirm your support with an initial where indicated. Please use space at the end to explain any responses as you see fit.

A Real Democracy - _____

We aim to take Wisconsin government back from corporate elites and make it by and for the people. We should:

- Create and ensure a nonpartisan, transparent process for the redrawing of all election districts that requires local public commentary from diverse communities, including public hearings, and ensure independent, nonpartisan election administration
- Honor treaty rights, consultation rights, jurisdiction, and sovereignty of native nations in local decisions
- Expand local control over revenue and government regulation
- Require full compliance with Government Accounting Standards Board directions for public accounting
- Enforce and expand prohibitions of discrimination based on race, ethnicity, language, religion, creed, sex, gender, sexual orientation, gender expression, national origin, age, familial status, pregnancy, veteran status, disability, and varying cognitive abilities
- Refuse compliance with federal efforts to harass or deport undocumented immigrants
- Address racial disparities in areas such as education, employment, and the justice system by applying an “equity lens” to all planning, budgeting, and other public decisions
- Work to increase informed citizen participation in government affairs, including

reinstatement of a robust K – 12 civics curriculum and the Office of Public Intervener to assert and defend the public's interest

- Support US and Wisconsin Constitutional amendments stating that money is not speech, and that only human beings have Constitutional rights

An Economy That Works for All - _____

We recognize great income and wealth inequality as a clear and present danger, and believe Wisconsin deserves an economy that generates broadly shared prosperity in environmentally sustainable ways. We should:

- Implement a living wage (minimum \$15 per hour, as well as an annual cost of living adjustment) for all Wisconsin workers and regional and industry wage boards to reward worker productivity and ensure pay equity for all
- Support locally-owned, independent businesses, cooperatives, and worker-owned cooperatives
- Support family farms and regional food systems instead of factory farms and corporate farming subsidies
- Assert and defend the right of all workers to unionize and act collectively to improve jobs and employment
- Support employee ownership and democratic cooperatives of all kinds (producer, consumer, worker)
- Put standards on government purchasing to encourage local purchasing, local union labor and the corporate practices we wish to see everywhere
- Encourage regional and industry labor-management partnerships to increase productivity, reduce waste, and benefit our local economy
- Invest in modernizing our physical infrastructure (roads, bridges, railways, airports, public buildings, etc.) and pay local workers prevailing local wage for work on these projects
- Invest in jobs for the future, making Wisconsin a national leader in full application of available technology and best practice in renewable energy generation and energy efficiency. maximally efficient and restorative use of nonrenewable resources, advanced manufacturing, and precision sustainable agriculture
- Make much fuller use of our public education and extension systems in assisting local and regional economic development efforts consistent with the above
- Work toward publicly funded, high-quality childcare
- Work toward strong pay legislation to close the gender and race pay gap

Quality Public Goods and Services for All

We must restore and improve the quality and fair distribution of Wisconsin public goods and

services, and do our part in addressing the existential crisis of human created global warming. We should:

1. Environment - _____

- Vigorously defend and restore the clean water and air we all depend on, including limits on high capacity wells, CAFOs (concentrated animal feeding operations), mining, and other environmentally-harmful practices
- Adequately fund the DNR and insist on the independence of its scientists from political control
- Show leadership on climate change with goal and plan to decarbonize Wisconsin municipalities energy production by 2030

2. Healthcare- _____

- Provide a healthy ecosystem for species with whom we share the earth
- Draft and support local resolutions in favor of Medicare for All
- Sustain and improve current coverage for necessary health services, including comprehensive reproductive health services, and ensure coverage of pre-existing health conditions
- Require access to quality treatment on demand for alcohol, drug and mental health services
- Increase support for high-quality in-home and in assisted-living home services

3. Public Education- _____

- Enable local districts to develop their public schools by increasing state funding and local control
- Provide additional funding based on low-income, special needs and minority share of student population
- Provide salaries, benefits and working conditions that attract and retain the most capable teachers
- Halt public financing of vouchers and privatized charter schools and protect academic freedom

4. Housing- _____

- Recognize housing as a human right and adopt and implement a plan to realize that right for all residents
- Significantly increase resources to expand affordable housing stock, or require mixed-income developments

- Remove constitutional and statutory barriers to affordable housing creation
- Strengthen protections for residential tenants, including, but not limited to requiring good cause for eviction and increasing tenant remedies for landlord abuses or violation of habitability standards

5. Broadband Access- _____

- Establish affordable, reliable, high-speed internet and wireless access, aiming at 100Mbps, throughout the state
- Make internet access a public utility

6. Public Safety and Criminal Justice- _____

- Oppose efforts to turn local law enforcement into an extension of immigration and customs enforcement
- End police brutality and government violations of civil and human rights
- Redirect funding from police and sheriff's departments into resources that stop crime proactively and provide resources that our communities need.
- Work to end mandatory minimum sentencing requirement, truth-in-sentencing laws, abuse of prosecutorial discretion, excessive detainment, poverty-inducing court and jail fees, school to prison pipeline, limits on retroactive expungement of criminal records for all non-violent offender upon release, and all racial disparities in arrest rates for like behaviors and time of imprisonment for like crimes
- Reinststate the parole board
- Make prison truly rehabilitative by greater opportunity treatment, counseling, and education
- Ease re-entry through addictions and mental health treatment housing, other social assistance, training and job search assistance, "ban the box," and full funding of pardon and parole boards
- Reassert public control over the criminal justice system, reversing decades of privatization and profit-seeking rather than investments in public safety and communities that will
- Bring probation/parole under the control of local government

7. Transportation- _____

- Promote "complete streets" and accessible multi-modal transportation options in all communities, while everywhere encouraging active transportation and electrification of all motorized transportation
- Promote the fair and sustainable development of all communities, not just the wealthy

- Upgrade this multi-modal system's quality and enact a vehicle miles traveled (VMT) tax

8. Security and Care- _____

- Along with all of the above, maintain and strengthen programs of assistance to our elderly, disabled, children, immigrants, People of Color, and members of the LGBTQ community; explore the feasibility of a state basic income guarantee; and enact a state-sponsored retirement plan for private workers
- Support universal child-care by increasing the number of childcare centers that are culturally appropriate, increasing nighttime childcare options, and reducing the cost of childcare
- Encourage the development of prenatal care, outreach, and services

Fair Taxes- _____

We aim for a fair and adequate public revenue system. We should:

- Make local taxes based on ability to pay by raising top rates on top incomes, treating capital gains like other income, and removing regressive loopholes (like the manufacturing tax credit)
- Widen the sales tax base to include all goods and services outside food, education, and healthcare; make it progressive by raising it steeply on purchases more than twice the median state family income
- Establish "circuit breakers" on property taxes for those on fixed incomes
- Oppose any local taxes that will be regressive and disproportionately impact lower income families

Please comment on any Sections or Sub-sections you did not check and why. Be as brief or thorough as necessary:

Please provide any supporting documents you'd like us to consider.

Thank you for participating in the Our Wisconsin Revolution Endorsement Process.