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Melissa Sargent Announces Endorsement from Charles Tubbs

MADISON– Melissa Sargent (D-Madison) released the following statement announcing an endorsement from Dane County Emergency Management Director Charles Tubbs for her candidacy for Wisconsin's 16th Senate District:

"Today I am proud to announce a campaign endorsement from former Capitol Police Chief and current Dane County Emergency Management Director Charles Tubbs, who works day in and day out to keep our community safe and prepared. Director Tubbs' experienced leadership throughout both good and difficult times is unparalleled," said Sargent.

Tubbs spent 30 years with the Beloit Police Department, eventually becoming deputy chief before retiring in 2004. He became administrator of the state's juvenile corrections division later that year and was named Capitol police chief in 2008, where he served until 2012. Tubbs is applauded by many for his handling of the 2011 protests against Governor Walker's collective bargaining bill, where he was responsible for the security and safety of Capitol staff as well as protestors inside and outside the Capitol building, and successfully helped maintain a peaceful atmosphere. Currently, Tubbs serves as Dane County's Emergency Management Director.

"Melissa Sargent's leadership, diversity, integrity, values, and professionalism speaks volumes about her commitment to our communities. She is an exemplary role model for all people to follow. She always holds others in the highest praise. Her family, friends, subordinates and peers speak of his willingness to reach back and help others achieve more than they thought possible," said Tubbs. "Her track record shows that she is respected in the highest degree by citizens, business people, fire personnel, law enforcement personnel, and those she knows throughout the country."

"Director Tubbs has spent his career improving public safety and engaging with our community. His leadership, including currently as he leads Dane County through the COVID-19 public health emergency, continues to have a positive impact on our state. It is my honor to be endorsed by Charles, and I am grateful for his work on behalf of our community, and for his support," said Sargent.

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Born and raised in Dane County, Melissa served on the Dane County Board prior to being elected to represent the 48th Assembly District. Before her start in politics, Melissa owned a small business and worked in the private sector. Concern for the greater community and a vision for a better Wisconsin brought her to public service and community activism. She is a proud mother of 4 boys, and lives on Madison's northside.