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Proven Progressive Leadership for the 16th Senate District

MADISON— Representative Melissa Sargent (D-Madison) released the following statement following her recent nomination as the Democratic candidate for the 16th Senate District:

“Yesterday, it was truly an honor to be chosen by voters in the August primary as the Democratic candidate for the 16th Senate District. At the same time, I also know that much work remains. Not only is it a presidential election year with Wisconsin being a key swing state, a year in which we must work to campaign and protect our democracy in a pandemic, and a vital time for state legislative districts as we work to save the Governor’s veto power here in Wisconsin, but it is also a vital time to elect progressive and forward-thinking leaders from all across our state.

Our state and nation are facing unprecedented times. The stark reality is that the current issues facing Wisconsin are life and death— now is simply not the time for the partisan tricks and rhetoric that is too often seen in the State Capitol and on the campaign trail. Now more than ever, we need proven and effective leaders who are committed to unifying our state, while championing the bold policies necessary to move Wisconsin forward.

Whether it be COVID-19 response efforts, addressing the disparities and inequities in our state, or beyond, I will continue to support policies that ensure the health and safety of folks across Wisconsin. Fundamental to people’s well-being during these challenging times are the policies that I have always championed— I am proud to continue to lead on issues such as raising the minimum wage, investing in public education, securing accessible and quality healthcare for all, addressing disparities and inequalities, reducing gun violence, legalizing cannabis, & more. In the State Senate, I will continue to advocate for policies that better our state, and work to serve the many, rather than the few.

Wisconsin needs proven progressive leadership that is not afraid to speak out in the face of uncertainty and injustice. I am honored to be the Democratic candidate for the 16th Senate District, and will continue to be a champion for the bold progressive policies that Wisconsin needs, into the November general election and beyond.”

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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.

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