



## Amani For Wisconsin State Senate



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**Wisconsin State Senate Candidate Amani Latimer Burris Raises 20k in her first and only haul before the August 11th election**

Amani Latimer Burris, closed her first campaign finance report posting just over \$20,000 in contributions in the last 30 days since she became a non-exempt candidate. --More--

Latimer Burris, who is endorsed by Mayor Paul Soglin, entered the race late, as her mother had just passed away a few weeks before Amani filed her paperwork on June 4th.

Initially, Latimer Burris, who simply goes by Amani, and her campaign committee, had filed as exempt.

*“I just wasn’t sure if I had enough time to really get in the game. I talked to my mom about it before she passed. She thought it was a good idea and that I should follow her creed of never looking back. I took her advice. After that so many people stepped in to make my run possible. So I am honored. Everyday, I feel she is with me, especially when things get glitchy. Funny thing is, I never thought I’d pick up where she left off but here I am.”*

The winner of the August 11th primary is the presumptive winner in the November 3rd election, since there are no Republicans on the ballot.

The race for Fred Risser’s successor is a 7-way race with 5 candidates of color running for the seat for the first time in Madison’s history. If elected, Amani would be the first African-American and woman to represent Madison. Prior to retiring, the seat had been held by Senator Risser for over five decades.

In June, Amani, 51, left her job with Democratic Party of Wisconsin to run for office for the first time.

“Because of the situation I didn’t have time to call around to what many call the politicos. Those that I did talk to were quietly supportive but warned me that I’d be ruffling feathers, and frankly wondered how the establishment would view me being a nontraditional candidate in so many respects. I guess we will see if Madison is ready for Amani. I hope so, I know I am ready to serve.”

Amani says the campaign came together at lightning speed but the cause for her to run happened over a decade or more.

“Going through this process I have gotten to really understand all that my parents went through to be seen, be heard, be understood” --More--

Both of Amani's parents are respected figures in the Madison community. Her father, James Latimer Conducts Madison's Capitol City Band. Her mother is the late Milele Chikasa Anana, a celebrated publisher and civil rights activist.

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1. Amani Latimer Burris, Candidate for Wisconsin State Senate with her sister Treater Prestine and her father James Latimer.