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## 'Scandal' star Kerry Washington meets local Medal of Honor hero from WWII!



It was an emotional meeting of history and the make believe world of film as Actor Kerry Washington, the star of the hit television series, 'Scandal,' met with Anna Mae Robertson, one of the last remaining members of the legendary 6888 Postal Battalion of World War II, the first and only Women's Army Corps unit of color to be stationed in Europe during World War II.

While Robertson was all smiles meeting Washington, things got a little emotional for the actor after her visit. That's because Washington will be starring in the movie, 'The Six Triple Eight' about the famed yet, before now, little known Army unit that sorted for delivery millions of pieces of mail for American soldiers battling Nazi Germany. Washington plays the commander of the unit, Major Charity Adams.

In early 1945, the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion was deployed to England to take on a seemingly impossible mission.

Their task? Sort through, catalog, and prepare for delivery a backlog of more than 17 million pieces of mail to US soldiers fighting abroad and their loved ones back home, often mislabeled or without a complete address.

The task was Herculean, and the conditions arduous. As well as the terrors of war, the 855 women of the 6888th, led by Major Adams, faced segregation and sexism within their own military, carrying out their important work in derelict buildings lacking adequate light and heat.

They were given six months to complete the task. They did it in 90 days, bringing missives of hope to the front lines.

The film was produced, written and directed by Tyler Perry in commemoration of the postal unit and its legacy.

Out of 855 Black women who served with the 6888th Postal Battalion, only two are known to still be alive (one of them being Robertson). Upon hearing that Robertson lived



in Milwaukee, Washington, who was in the city to rally canvassers for Vice President Kamala Harris' presidential campaign, adjusted her schedule in order to meet this military 'shero' and Black history maker.

Local educator Darrell Williams, himself a retired Army veteran, worked with the Robertson family, Washington's team, and three other

local individuals: Michelle Bryant, Martha Collins, and Stephanie Butler to coordinate this historic and emotional visit.

Williams also thanked Robertson and her family for accommodating the visit on such short notice.

The Six Triple Eight premieres on Netflix on Dec. 20.

—Photos by Darrell Williams

## ELECTION WATCH 2024 The MCJ Endorses...

### NATIONAL

#### U.S. President



Vice President  
**Kamala Harris**

U.S. Senate

U.S. Rep.



Tammy Baldwin  
Incumbent



Gwen Moore  
Incumbent

### STATE/LOCAL

State Senate

State Senate



Dora Drake  
(4th Dist.)



LaTonya Johnson  
(6th Dist.)

St. Assembly

St. Assembly



Sequanna Taylor  
(11th Dist.)



Kalan Haywood  
(16th Dist.)

**More** election candidates and news on page 5!



On the first day of early voting on Oct. 22, 2024, voters line up outside the former Milwaukee Western Bank at North 60th Street and West Capitol Drive. (Photo by Trisha Young / Wisconsin Watch)

## 'Voter rescue' Help in Milwaukee for hundreds who show up at wrong place

People go to early voting sites on Election Day, mistakenly thinking they can vote. A volunteer group perhaps unique in Wisconsin redirects them to polling places.

Article by Tom Kertscher, courtesy of Wisconsin Watch

On the first day of early in-person voting in Wisconsin on Tuesday, October 22, a line 100 people long stretched outside the former Milwaukee Western Bank at 60th and Capitol.

Throughout the warm late afternoon, the line seemed to only grow, inspiring a local barber to hand out his business cards.

Some people arrived at the North Side early voting site and quickly decided to return another day. But others, including a couple who brought lawn chairs, dutifully took their places in the queue.

Voters exiting who said they spent an hour and a half or more in line, partly because of computer problems, didn't discourage Renee Green, 56. "Got to get out and make sure my vote is counted," said Green, who came with a woman who walked with a cane. "We said, 'We're going to get this done.'"

Linea Sundstrom, a semi-retired archaeologist, also arrived at the site,

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## VOTE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024

- ✓ Register To Vote
- ✓ Update Your Address
- ✓ Find Your Polling Place
- ✓ See What's On Your Ballot
- ✓ Get An Absentee Ballot
- ✓ Track Your Ballot

## [MyVote.wi.gov](https://myvote.wi.gov)

City of Milwaukee Residents: (414) 286-VOTE  
Milwaukee County Residents: (414) 278-VOTE

A Non-Partisan Message from the Milwaukee County Election Commission



# DEMOCRATS ARE FIGHTING FOR OUR FREEDOMS **AND** FUTURE

**ELECTION DAY  
TUESDAY  
NOVEMBER 5**

**DON'T FORGET TO BRING A VALID PHOTO ID**  
Check [bringit.wi.gov](http://bringit.wi.gov) for options

Lowered health care costs, capped insulin at \$35 for seniors, will end all medical debt, expand access to health care and bring down housing costs

Protecting the right to choose, will end the devastation of Republican abortion bans and will never allow the MAGA Republicans to pass a national abortion ban

Created nearly 16 million jobs, cut taxes for working families and will make the ultra-wealthy pay their fair share

**POLLS ARE OPEN | FIND YOUR ELECTION DAY POLLING PLACE AT  
7AM-8PM | MYVOTE.WI.GOV**

You can register or update your registration when you vote! Just bring a valid proof of residence.

**Questions?**  
Call our Voter Assistance Hotline  
at 608-336-3232



OAKLAND, CA – Congresswoman Barbara Lee (CA-12) today wrote the following piece reflecting on Vice President Kamala Harris' historic presidential campaign after more than 50 years since Lee worked on the presidential campaign of Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm:  
"Zero: the number of Black members in Congress 56 years ago. Next Congress, we hope to swear in over 60 members in the Congressional Black Caucus.  
"Three: The number of Black women to ever serve in the United States Senate since the first Congress in 1789.  
"Two: The number of Black women that will be elected to the Senate this year alone if we do our job.  
"1972: the first time a Black woman, Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm, ran for president in one

Photo courtesy of freepik  
**Congresswoman Barbara Lee Reflects on Historic Moment Less Than One Week from Election Day!**



Cong. Barbara Lee

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## CodeR Gospel Concert at WGBSC Centennial Gala

It's year four of the CodeR Gospel Concert and we are proud to partner with the Wisconsin General Baptist State Convention (WGBSC) to celebrate their centennial year of service.

There is strength through solidarity and together, this Donor Sabbath, we will reconnect in support of the life-saving mission of organ and tissue donation.

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NOVEMBER  
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Renaissance Milwaukee West Hotel, 2300 N Mayfair Rd, Wauwatosa

# ELECTION WATCH 2024: The MCJ Endorses...

## STATE/LOCAL

St. Assembly



**Darrin Madison, Jr.**  
(10th Dist.)

St. Assembly



**Russell Goodwin**  
(12 Dist.)

St. Assembly



**Inc.- Supreme Moore Omokunde**  
(17th Dist.)

St. Assembly



**Margaret Arney**  
(18th Dist.)

St. Assembly



**LaToya Bates**  
(37th Dist.)

St. Assembly



**Shelia Stubbs**  
(78th Dist.)

**“There’s no such thing as a vote that doesn’t matter!” —Barack Obama**



## NAACP Responds to Virginia Governor's Illegal Voter Purge Program, Urges SCOTUS To Follow the Law!

WASHINGTON - Yesterday, Virginia state election officials requested the Supreme Court to block a ruling by a federal judge that would bar them from reviving an unlawful voter purge program that would prevent naturalized citizens from voting.

The program, which was responsible for purging more than 1,600 registered Virginia voters, was put in place by Virginia Governor Glenn Youngkin in August and was later struck down.

Derrick Johnson, President and CEO of the NAACP, made the following statement upon learning of the appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court:

*"The voter purges here are textbook examples of attempted voter suppression and intimidation. Those behind the false allegations that saturate the Commonwealth's case seek to frighten those they consider their constituents by sounding xenophobic and racist dog whistles. That same message is being repeated throughout our nation in this election cycle.*

*They are playing a dangerous game designed to undermine the public's confidence in the entire democratic process."*

The President of the Virginia State Conference of the NAACP, Cozy Bailey, released the following statement in anticipation of the Supreme Court's ruling:

*"As the Supreme Court considers the appeal of Beals v. Virginia Coalition of Immigrant Rights,*

*the NAACP urges them to follow the law. This case has proven what we already know to be true - Governor Youngkin and his political cronies think winning is more important than democracy. As did their predecessors who passed and enforced Jim Crow laws, they will do and say anything to try to stop people of color from voting.*

*They now appear to be targeting naturalized citizens, who are legally allowed to vote.*

*We cannot be silenced. As we do in every election, Black Virginians will show up. We will ensure our voices are heard. This is not the end. It's just the beginning."*

Virginia residents have the following options available to them:

The General Assembly approved legislation for Same Day Registration, Same Day Vote which provides the ability to register at any time, up to and including Election Day.

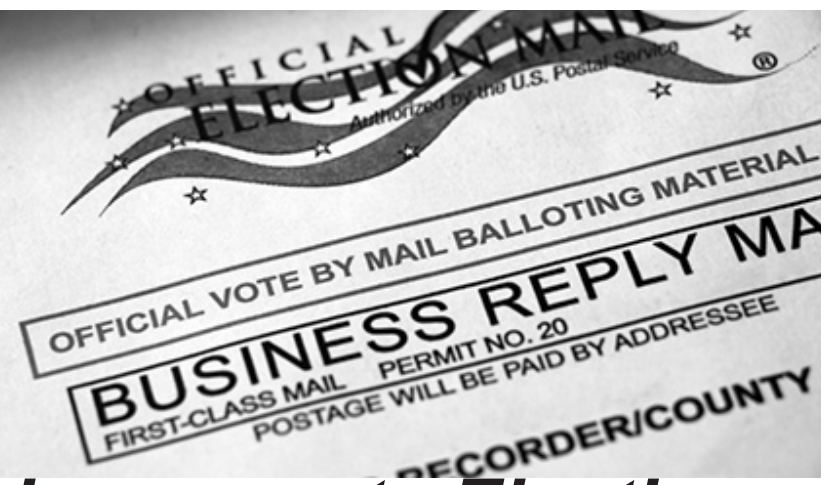
Early voting in Virginia runs through November 2nd.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 5th. Even those who are not registered or have been wrongfully removed from the voting rolls are able to register at the polls and cast a provisional ballot.

For more information, including voter guides, polling location information, and tools to make a voting plan, visit our website at [naacp.org/vote](http://naacp.org/vote).

—Article courtesy of the NAACP

**U.S. POSTAL SERVICE IS READY TO DELIVER THE NATION'S ELECTION MAIL!**



## Postal Service expects Election Mail service performance in 2024 to be equal to or better than 2020

WASHINGTON, DC — With eight days remaining until Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 5, the United States Postal Service recommends that voters who choose to vote by mail do so soon.

As we anticipate an uptick of ballots in the mail over the coming days, Postal Service employees are working to ensure the ballots of every individual who chooses to vote by mail are delivered quickly and securely. As in past elections, the Postal Service is ready to deliver your ballot on time.

But don't delay. If you choose to vote by mail, please mail early as every day counts.

We continue to recommend that it is a good common-sense measure for voters who choose to mail in their ballots to do so before Election Day and at least a week before their election office needs to receive them. If a ballot is due on Election Day, the Postal Service recommends mailing the ballot by this Tuesday (October 29).

The Postal Service remains fully ready to successfully deliver the nation's mail-in ballots for voters who choose to use us to vote.

And to be clear, even for return ballots that are entered in our system after Tuesday, we will continue to deploy our "extraordinary measures," which are designed to accelerate the delivery of Ballot Mail in the final weeks of the election season.

For the upcoming 2024 general election, the Postal Service anticipates similar service performance as demonstrated in the 2020 general election\*:

- 99.89 percent of ballots mailed from voters to election officials were delivered within a week (7 days).
- 97.9 percent of ballots mailed from voters to election officials were delivered within three days, and 99.7 percent were delivered within five days.
- On average, the Postal Service delivered ballots from election officials to voters in 2.1 days and ballots from voters to election officials in 1.6 days.

\*2020 general election statistics  
For the 2024 general election the nation's postal network is operating effectively without any major reported disruptions. Service performance across the nation is strong. In the first three weeks of

October, Ballot Mail performance scores were high:

- 99.9 percent of ballots (combined: outbound from election officials to voters and inbound from voters to election officials) were delivered within a week (7 days).

- On average, the Postal Service delivered outbound ballots (to voters) in 2.0 days.

- 98.3 Percent of inbound ballots (from voters to election officials) were delivered within 3 days.

- On average, the Postal Service delivered inbound ballots (from voters to election officials) in 1 day.

**Extraordinary Measures Underway (started Oct. 21)**

In addition to the processes and procedures specific to Election Mail that the Postal Service deploys all year long, as in previous general elections, the Postal Service is deploying extraordinary measures in the final weeks of the election season to swiftly move Ballot Mail entered close to or on Election Day and/or the state's return deadline.

Extraordinary measures began Monday, Oct. 21, and will continue nationwide through Election Day (Tuesday, Nov. 5) and extend through the last day in each state that boards of elections will accept completed mail-in ballots as timely.

The extraordinary measures are designed to accelerate and enhance the delivery of Ballot Mail, when the Postal Service is able to identify the mailpiece as a ballot.

The Postal Service's extraordinary measures include but are not limited to:

- Extra deliveries and collections;
- Special pick-ups;
- Specialized sort plans at processing facilities to expedite delivery to boards of elections; and
- Local handling and transportation of ballots.

• These measures are consistent with the Postal Service's efforts in past elections.  
**Ready to Deliver Your Ballots**  
The Postal Service has the operational capacity to deliver the nation's ballots in the final week of the election. In 2020, Ballot Mail accounted for just 0.11

## A friendly reminder from Cong. Gwen Moore...

U.S. Congresswoman from Wisconsin, Gwen Moore, is reminding every eligible voter to return their absentee ballot as soon as they can. "If you know someone whose ballot is still lying around the house, let them know too. Spread the word 'ya'll! The deadline is right around the corner," the congresswoman said in a statement.

"Your absentee ballot must be received by your municipal clerk no later than Election Day, November 5th at 8pm," she continued. "I encourage voters to drop their ballots off at their municipal clerk's office, a drop box, or bring it to an Early Voting polling place.



**Cong. Moore**

# EARLY VOTING

## IN THE CITY OF MILWAUKEE

Serb Hall, Zeidler Muni Building, Capitol, Good Hope Library, and Tippecanoe Library are open on Sundays. Friday, November 1st is the last day to register to vote at an Early Voting site until Election Day.

<b>American Serb Hall</b> 5101 W. Oklahoma Ave. Mon- Fri: 9am - 7pm Sat: 10am - 2pm Sun: 12pm - 4pm	<b>Zeidler Municipal Bldg.</b> 841 N. Broadway Ave. Mon- Fri: 9am - 7pm Sat: 10am - 2pm Sun: 12pm - 4pm	<b>Capitol Drive Voting Ctr.</b> 6001 W. Capitol Dr. Mon- Fri: 9am - 7pm Sat: 10am - 2pm Sun: 12pm - 4pm
<b>Clinton Rose Senior Ctr.</b> 3045 N. Martin Luther King Dr. Mon- Fri: 12pm - 5pm Sat: 10am - 2pm	<b>MATC - S Building</b> 700 W. State St., Room S114 Mon- Fri: 10 am - 6 pm Sat: 10 am - 2 pm	<b>UWM Zelazo Center</b> 2419 E Kenwood Blvd. Mon- Fri: 9am - 5pm Sat 10/26 - Sun 10/27: 10am - 2pm Fri 11/1: 9am - 7pm

**Select Milwaukee Public Library Branches**

<b>Mitchell Street</b> 906 W. Historic Mitchell St. Mon & Tue: 12:30pm - 7:30pm Wed, Thu, Fri: 10:30am - 5:30pm Sat: 9:30am - 4:30pm	<b>Washington Park</b> 2121 N. Sherman Blvd. Mon & Tue: 12:30pm - 7:30pm Wed, Thu, Fri: 10:30am - 5:30pm Sat: 9:30am - 4:30pm
<b>Good Hope</b> 7715 W. Good Hope Rd. Mon & Tue: 12:30pm - 7:30pm Wed, Thu, Fri: 10:30am - 5:30pm Sat: 9:30am - 4:30pm Sun: 1:30pm - 4:30pm	<b>Tippecanoe</b> 3912 S. Howell Ave. Mon & Tue: 12:30pm - 7:30pm Wed, Thu, Fri: 10:30am - 5:30pm Sat: 9:30am - 4:30pm Sun: 1:30pm - 4:30pm

## Early Voting begins Tuesday, October 22nd through Sunday, November 3rd, 2024.

OFFICE OF THE MILWAUKEE COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKEE:

Notice is hereby given of a general election to be held in the several wards in the City of Milwaukee, on November 5, 2024, at which the officers named below shall be chosen. The names of the candidates for each office to be voted for, whose nominations have been certified to or filed in this office, are listed under the title of the office and under the appropriate party or other designation, together with any referendum questions submitted to a vote, in the sample ballot below.

**Information to Voters**

Upon entering the polling place and before being permitted to vote, a voter shall:

- state their name and address
- show an acceptable form of photo identification\*
- sign the poll book\*\*

**\*If a voter does not have acceptable photo identification, the voter may obtain a free photo ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.**

**\*\*If the voter is unable to sign the poll book due to disability, a poll worker may write the word “exempt.”**

If a voter is not registered to vote, they may register to vote at the polling place serving their residence if the voter provides proof of residence.

Where ballots are distributed to voters, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot.

Upon being permitted to vote, the voter shall enter a voting booth or go to a machine and cast their ballot. The vote should not be cast in any manner other than specified here. Sample ballots or other materials to assist the voter in marking their ballot may be taken into the booth and copied. The sample ballot shall not be shown to anyone so as to reveal how the ballot is marked.

A voter who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the voter's minor child or minor ward.

An election official may inform the voter of the proper manner for casting a vote, but the official may not advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

**Assistance for Voting**

A voter may select an individual to assist in casting their vote if the voter declares to the presiding official that they are unable to read, have difficulty reading, writing, or understanding English, or that due to disability are unable to cast their ballot. The selected individual rendering assistance may not be the voter's employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the voter. If a voter is unable to state their name and address, an assistant may also do so for the voter.

**Voting for President and Vice President**

A vote for candidates for President and Vice President is a vote for the presidential electors of those candidates. A write-in vote for President and Vice President must designate the name of a presidential candidate. A write-in vote for a candidate for President only will be counted. A write-in vote for a candidate for Vice President only will not be counted.

**Where Optical Scan Voting is Used**

The voter shall fill in the oval next to the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which they intend to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote and fill in the oval next to the write-in line. When voting for President and Vice President, the voter shall fill in the oval next to the set of candidates (ticket) for president and vice president for whom they intend to vote. To vote for a Presidential ticket that does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the names of persons of their choice in the spaces provided and fill in the oval next the write-in lines. On referendum questions, the voter shall fill in the oval next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall fill in the oval next to "no" if opposed to the question.

When using an *electronic ballot marking device* (“ExpressVote”) to mark an **optical scan ballot**, the voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which they intend to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall touch the screen next to “write-in” and type in the name of their choice. When voting for President and Vice President, the voter shall touch the screen at the set of candidates (ticket) for president and vice president for whom they intend to vote. To vote for a Presidential ticket that does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall touch the screen next to “write-in” and type in the names of persons of their choice. On referendum questions, the voter shall touch the screen at “yes” if in favor of the question, or the voter shall touch the screen at “no” if opposed to the question.

**Spoiled Ballots**

If a voter spoils an **optical scan ballot**, they shall return it to an election official who shall issue another ballot in its place, but not more than three ballots shall be issued to any one voter. If the ballot has not been initialed by two inspectors or is defective in any other way, the voter shall return it to the election official who shall issue a proper ballot in its place.

**After Voting the Ballot**

After an official **optical scan ballot** is marked, it may be inserted in a security sleeve, so the marks do not show. The voter shall then insert the ballot in the voting device or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. If a central count system is used, the voter shall insert the ballot in the ballot box or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. The voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

A sample of the official ballot is included with this notice.

Wards 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 29, 39, 40, 41, 42, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, and 318 will have the same contests as shown on the sample ballot.

Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 27, 28, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 75, 76, 77, 78, 82, and 315 will have the following contest on their ballots rather than that shown on the sample ballot:

Representative to the Assembly, District 12  
Vote for 1  
Russell Antonio Goodwin, Sr. (Democratic)  
Deanna Alexander (Independent)  
write-in

Wards 43, 61, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 79, 80, 81, 83, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 159, 160, 161, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 327, and 328 will have the following contests on their ballots rather than those shown on the sample ballot:

State Senator, District 6  
Vote for 1  
LaTonya Johnson (Democratic)  
write-in

Representative to the Assembly, District 17  
Vote for 1  
Supreme Moore Omokunde (Democratic)  
write-in

Wards 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, and 136 will have the following contest on their ballots rather than that shown on the sample ballot:

Representative to the Assembly, District 10  
Vote for 1  
Darrin Madison (Democratic)  
write-in

Wards 62, 84, 98, 99, 100, 101, 149, 153, 157, 163, 164, and 199 will have the following contests on their

ballots rather than those shown on the sample ballot:

State Senator, District 6  
Vote for 1  
LaTonya Johnson (Democratic)  
write-in

Representative to the Assembly, District 18  
Vote for 1  
Margaret Arney (Democratic)  
Kevin Anderson (Republican)  
write-in

Wards 102, 103, 104, 134, 135, 137, 138, 171, 172, 173, 331, 332, 353, and 354 will have the following contests on their ballots rather than those shown on the sample ballot:

State Senator, District 6  
Vote for 1  
LaTonya Johnson (Democratic)  
write-in

Representative to the Assembly, District 16  
Vote for 1  
Kalan Haywood (Democratic)  
write-in

Wards 105, 106, 107, 139, 140, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 196, 329, 335, and 336 will have the following contests on their ballots rather than those shown on the sample ballot:

State Senator, District 6  
Vote for 1  
LaTonya Johnson (Democratic)  
write-in

Representative to the Assembly, District 16  
Vote for 1  
Kalan Haywood (Democratic)  
write-in

Additionally, these wards will have the following special school board election contest on their ballots:

Milwaukee Public Schools  
Board of School Director, District 4  
Vote for 1  
James M. Ferguson, II  
write-in

Wards 108, 109, and 330 will have the following contest on their ballots rather than those shown on the sample ballot:

Representative to the Assembly, District 10  
Vote for 1  
Darrin Madison (Democratic)  
write-in

Additionally, these wards will have the following special school board election contest on their ballots:

Milwaukee Public Schools  
Board of School Director, District 4  
Vote for 1  
James M. Ferguson, II  
write-in

Wards 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 158, 162, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 236, 237, 238, 239, 241, 340, and 341 will have the following contest on their ballots rather than that shown on the sample ballot:

Representative to the Assembly, District 19  
Vote for 1  
Ryan Clancy (Democratic)  
write-in

These wards will not have a state senator contest on their ballots.

Wards 141, 156, and 182 will have the following contest on their ballots rather than that shown on the sample ballot:

Representative to the Assembly, District 19  
Vote for 1  
Ryan Clancy (Democratic)  
write-in

These wards will not have a state senator contest on their ballots.

Additionally, these wards will have the following special school board election contest on their ballots:

Milwaukee Public Schools  
Board of School Director, District 4  
Vote for 1  
James M. Ferguson, II  
write-in

Wards 150, 151, 152, 154, 155, 165, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 197, 198, 200, 209, 333, and 334 will have the following contests on their ballots rather than those shown on the sample ballot:

State Senator, District 6  
Vote for 1  
LaTonya Johnson (Democratic)  
write-in

Representative to the Assembly, District 18  
Vote for 1  
Margaret Arney (Democratic)  
Kevin Anderson (Republican)  
write-in

Additionally, these wards will have the following special school board election contest on their ballots:

Milwaukee Public Schools  
Board of School Director, District 4  
Vote for 1  
James M. Ferguson, II  
write-in

Wards 201, 208, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 267, 268, 269, 270, 296, 297, 298, 299, 343, 344, 345, 349, 350, and 351 will have the following contest on their ballots rather than that shown on the sample ballot:

Representative to the Assembly, District 7  
Vote for 1  
Karen Kirsch (Democratic)  
Lee Whiting (Republican)  
write-in

These wards will not have a state senator contest on their ballots.

Wards 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, and 207 will have the following contest on their ballots rather than that shown on the sample ballot:

Representative to the Assembly, District 14  
Vote for 1  
Angelito Tenorio (Democratic)  
Jim Engstrand (Republican)  
Steven Shevey (Independent)  
write-in

These wards will not have a state senator contest on their ballots.

Wards 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 221, 222, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 294, 295, 311, 312, 338, and 346 will have the following contest on their ballots rather than that shown on the sample ballot:

Representative to the Assembly, District 9  
Vote for 1  
Priscilla A. Prado (Democratic)  
Ryan Antczak (Republican)  
write-in

These wards will not have a state senator contest on their ballots.

Wards 217, 218, 219, 220, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 280, 283, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 339, and 342 will have the following contest on their ballots rather than that shown on the sample ballot:

Representative to the Assembly, District 8  
Vote for 1  
Sylvia Ortiz-Velez (Democratic)  
write-in

These wards will not have a state senator contest on their ballots.

Wards 240, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 347, 348, and 356 will have the following contest on their ballots rather than that shown on the sample ballot:

Representative to the Assembly, District 20  
Vote for 1  
Christine M. Sinicki (Democratic)  
Mike Moeller (Republican)  
write-in

These wards will not have a state senator contest on their ballots.

Wards 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, and 266 will have the following contest on their ballots rather than that shown on the sample ballot:

Representative to the Assembly, District 61  
Vote for 1  
LuAnn Bird (Democratic)  
Bob Donovan (Republican)  
write-in

These wards will not have a state senator contest on their ballots.

Wards 281, 282, 284, 290, 291, 292, 293, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 313, 314, 352, and 355 will have the following contest on their ballots rather than that shown on the sample ballot:

Representative to the Assembly, District 21  
Vote for 1  
David L. Marsteller, Jr. (Democratic)  
Jessie Rodriguez (Republican)  
write-in

These wards will not have a state senator contest on their ballots.

Wards 325 and 326 will have the following contests on their ballots rather than those shown on the sample ballot:

State Senator, District 6  
Vote for 1  
LaTonya Johnson (Democratic)  
write-in

Representative to the Assembly, District 17  
Vote for 1  
Supreme Moore Omokunde (Democratic)  
write-in

Additionally, these wards will have the following special school board election contest on their ballots:

Milwaukee Public Schools  
Board of School Director, District 4  
Vote for 1  
James M. Ferguson, II  
write-in

Ward 337 will have the following contest on its ballot rather than that shown on the sample ballot:

Representative to the Assembly, District 8  
Vote for 1  
Sylvia Ortiz-Velez (Democratic)  
write-in

Additionally, this ward will have the following special school board election contest on its ballot:

Milwaukee Public Schools  
Board of School Director, District 4  
Vote for 1  
James M. Ferguson, II  
write-in

MILWAUKEE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS  
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Milwaukee County Clerk



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Official Ballot Papeleta Oficial Partisan Office and Referendum Cargo Partidista y Referendum. Includes date, location, and instructions for voters and inspectors.





**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 2024CV007973**

In the matter of the name change of: IZZAK PAYNE HANSON By (Petitioner) IZZAK PAYNE HANSON

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: IZZAK PAYNE HANSON to: EILEEN LILY-VICTORIA HANSON-ADAMS Birth Certificate: IZZAK PAYNE HANSON

IT IS ORDERED This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Judge's Name: HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWIAK RM 415 Hearing to take place by Zoom. Please call (414) 278-4582 on the date and at the time listed below. PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: DECEMBER 18, 2024, TIME 11:00 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Dated: 10-4-2023 BY THE COURT: HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWIAK Circuit Court Judge 676/10-23-30/11-6-2024

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 24CV008327**

In the matter of the name change of: BETHANY MAE URICK By (Petitioner) BRIAN SCOTT SIMMONS

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: FROM: BETHANY MAE URICK TO: BETHANY MAE SIMMONS Birth Certificate: BETHANY MAE URICK

IT IS ORDERED This petition will be heard in the Circuit

Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Judge's Name: HON. JEAN M KIES RM 413 PLACE 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: DECEMBER 4, 2024, TIME 9:30 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Dated: 10-17-2024 BY THE COURT: HON. JEAN M KIES Circuit Court Judge 670/10-23-30/11-6-2024

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 2024CV008424**

In the matter of the name change of: JUAN ANTONIO CANALES By (Petitioner) JUAN ANTONIO GONZALEZ

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: JUAN ANTONIO CANALES to: JUAN ANTONIO GONZALEZ Birth Certificate: JUAN ANTONIO CANALES

IT IS ORDERED This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Judge's Name: HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWIAK RM 415 Hearing to take place by Zoom. Please call (414) 278-4582 on the date and at the time listed below. PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: NOVEMBER 25, 2024, TIME 9:30 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Dated: 10-22-2023 BY THE COURT: HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWIAK Circuit Court Judge 675/10-23-30/11-6-2024

**STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY**

**SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT SMALL CLAIMS MONEY 31001 Case No. 24SC023811**

PLAINTIFF(S): DELOIS WILLIAMS 120 Corrina Boulevard Apt 210 Waukesha WI 53186 vs DEFENDANT/S: LATASHA WOODSON 4817 N Anita Ave. Whitefish Bay WI 53217

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TO THE DEFENDANT(S): You are being sued as described below. If you wish to dispute this matter: You must appear at the time and place stated. If you do not appear or answer, the plaintiff(s) may win this case and a judgment entered for what the plaintiff is asking.

When to Appear /File an Answer Date: NOVEMBER 11, 2024, Time: 8:30 A.M. Place to Appear/File and Answer: Milwaukee County Courthouse 901 N 9th Street, Room 400 Milwaukee, WI 53233 Clerk/Attorney Signature: Plaintiff's Demand: The plaintiff states the following claim against the defendant(s):

1. Plaintiff demands judgment for: CLAIM FOR MONEY \$1200
2. Brief Statement of dates and facts: Plaintiff entered a month-to-month lease with Defendants' predecessor ( the property was sold in 2022) in July of 2021, paid a \$600 security deposit, and gave statutory notice to terminate the lease as of the end of May 2024. Defendant has not returned the \$600 security deposit nor provided Plaintiff with a statement as to why it has not been returned. I am the plaintiff. Dated: 8-13-2024

BY THE PLAINTIFF: DELOIS WILLIAMS 674/10-23-30-2024

**SUMMONS**

**(PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 24CV007???**

In the matter of the name change of: RAQUEL MONTEALEGRE By (Petitioner) RAQUEL MONTEALEGRE

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: RAQUEL MONTEALEGRE to: RAQUEL KEHLANI ALI Birth Certificate: RAQUEL MONTEALEGRE

IT IS ORDERED This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Judge's Name: HON. GLENN H YAMAHIRO RM 412 PLACE 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE NOVEMBER 22, 2024, TIME 10:00 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Dated: 10-23-2024 BY THE COURT: HON. GLENN Y YAMAHIRO Circuit Court Judge 677/10-23-30/11-6-2024

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 24CV008477**

In the matter of the name change of: RAQUEL MONTEALEGRE By (Petitioner) RAQUEL MONTEALEGRE

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: RAQUEL MONTEALEGRE to: RAQUEL KEHLANI ALI Birth Certificate: RAQUEL MONTEALEGRE

IT IS ORDERED This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Judge's Name: HON. GLENN H YA-

MAHIRO RM 412 PLACE 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE NOVEMBER 22, 2024, TIME 10:00 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Dated: 10-23-2024 BY THE COURT: HON. GLENN Y YAMAHIRO Circuit Court Judge 677/10-23-30/11-6-2024

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 24CV008341**

In the matter of the name change of: TYLER RYAN KRAWCZYK By (Petitioner) TYLER RYAN KRAWCZYK

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: FROM: TYLER RYAN KRAWCZYK TO: TYLER RYAN GAETH Birth Certificate: TYLER RYAN KRAWCZYK

IT IS ORDERED This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Judge's Name: HON. DAVID BOROWSKI PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: DECEMBER 6, 2024, TIME 9:00 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Dated: 10-28-2024 BY THE COURT: HON. DAVID BOROWSKI Circuit Court Judge 680/10-30/11-6-13-2024

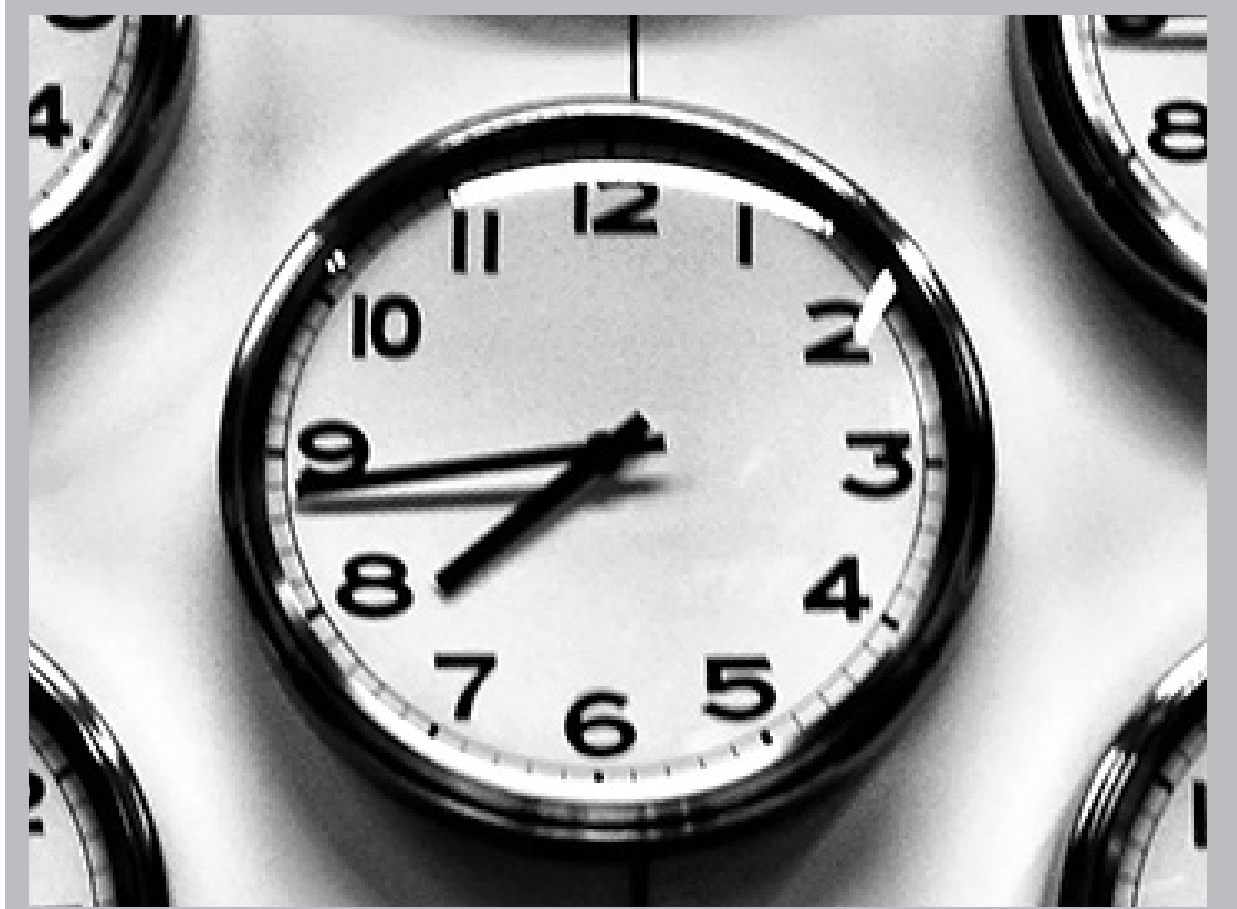
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# Congresswoman Barbara Lee Reflects on Historic Moment Less Than One Week from Election Day!

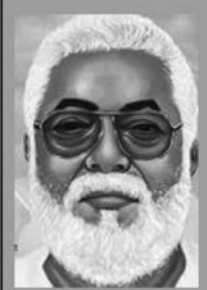
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of the major parties of the United States. "Zero: the number of Black women to ever serve as president of the United States. "IF we do the work, we can change that with President Kamala Harris. "As I reflect on what would be Congresswoman Chisholm's 100th birthday next month, I could not help but remember that my first official involvement in U.S. politics was working for her presidential campaign in 1972. Over 50 years later, I have been involved in every single campaign since. Shirley was my mentor — she was a bold visionary, a progressive woman who understood that working together in coalitions was the only way to make life better for everyone, to build an equitable society and democracy that lived up to the creed of "liberty and justice for all." "The historic moment we are in today is not lost on me. I have had the privilege to have known Vice President Kamala Harris for over three decades. She, after all, is a daughter of the East Bay. She, like Shirley, truly is a fighter for the people. And I know she can move our country forward in a new way. "As a member of her National Advisory Board, I have campaigned across our country to help take her message, her legacy of service, and her "to-do list," as she says, to voters who were almost starting to feel hopeless, but are now feeling hopeful once again, captured by the politics joy and the bright possibilities brought upon by a possible Harris-Walz administration. "Recently, I visited churches in North Carolina with members of the Congressional Black Caucus. The chair of our CBC political action committee, Chairman Gregory Meeks from New York's fifth district eloquently and powerfully presented a vision of what Dr. Maya Angelou wrote in her famous poem, *And Still I Rise*: "I am the dream and the hope of the slave." "Congressman Meeks remarked that on January 15, we will observe the birthday of our drum major for justice, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. "He also described that on January 20, IF we do the work — if we knock on doors, if we make those phone calls, if we spread our message — standing on the podium at the U.S. Capitol will be the first Black speaker of the House of Representatives, Ha-

keem Jefferies. "In the wings will be over 60 members of the Congressional Black Caucus. Holding Frederick Douglass' bible will be the first African American woman appointed to the highest court of the land, Supreme Court Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson. "She will be swearing-in the first Black woman to serve as President, Kamala Harris, in front of the shining white dome of the United States Capitol, built by enslaved Black people. "In front of her and beyond, the tens of millions of Black men and women who voted for her. The world will witness the hope and the dreams of our ancestors ushering in a new way forward. "As I sat in front of the stage this week at the Ellipse in Washington, DC as Vice President Harris delivered remarks with the Oval Office behind her, I could not help but feel that our country was ready for this historic moment. "We are not only voting for a Black woman as Commander in Chief of the wealthiest and most powerful country in the world. We are definitively stating that we will not allow the clocks of freedom and justice to be turned back. "We are voting for our ancestors' hopes and dreams. We are voting for the generations that will come after us, long after we are gone. We are voting for Vice President Kamala Harris. Let's get this done." **"The historic moment we are in today is not lost on me. I have had the privilege to have known Vice President Kamala Harris for over three decades. She, after all, is a daughter of the East Bay. She, like Shirley, truly is a fighter for the people. And I know she can move our country forward in a new way."**



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# SIGNIFYIN'

By Mikel Kwaku Osei Holt

## Lowering the bar...again!

**State education czar Underly continues the state's practice of 'under'-mining education for Black children!**

Imagine a high school junior varsity basketball team with the worst free-throw percentage in the state.

Solution: lower the rims.

That's essentially what Department of Public Instruction Superintendent Jill Underly did to address stagnating state test scores in the core subjects of math and English arts.

The relapsing policy lowers standards for student achievement assessments in 3rd to 8th grade and college preparation—ACT tests.

Not surprisingly, Milwaukee hosts the lowest reading proficiency rates for 4th and 8th grade in the country, Puerto Rico, the 'Unvirginal' Islands, and Jammin' Jamaica.

The lowered standards will make it appear that students are doing better than they are.

If they fall for the okie-doke, parents, and property taxpayers should feel better about their investments. Underly will have bullet points for her re-election bid.

The results of proficiency rates in the lower grades determine adult aspirations. If a child can't read at grade level by 4th grade, there is an appreciable reality they will suffer from the 'p' disease. (The 'P' disease is early 'Pregnancy' or 'Prison.')

The distorted new 'standards' for ACT rates will mislead students into thinking they are prepared for college when they are not.

The first test scores produced under the lowered report card results revealed earlier this month showed 'slight' improvements based on revised formulas and new terminology statewide.

White students averaged twice as high in the English arts and math scores as Black students. Twice!

(Ask yourself if there is something genetically wrong with Black students, or is it the system? Is it the pupil or the parent?)

Black students in charters and private schools participating in the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program scored four percentage points higher than their 'government (aka public) school' counterparts.

But under revised terminology, they are no longer listed as 'below basic,' but instead as 'developing.' Basic is now identified as 'approaching.' (I assumed that means approaching 'mediocre').

The new terminology for ACT tests is equally misleading. Instead of the bottom base—formerly 'below college ready'—students are now listed as 'meeting' (which I assume means they are college ready).

If this needs to be clarified, go to the back of the bus.

Or, let me break it down utilizing an analysis revealed by 'City Forward Collective,' a local research organization:

- More Students Meeting Lower Standards—Under new, lower standards for student learning, just over half of Wisconsin's students earned a "Meeting Expectations" or higher rating on the spring 2023 state assessments.

Statewide, 49% of students met new state standards in English Language Arts (ELA), and 50% of students met these standards in Math

In Milwaukee, across all sectors, 25% of students met new state standards in ELA, and 21% of students met new state standards in Math

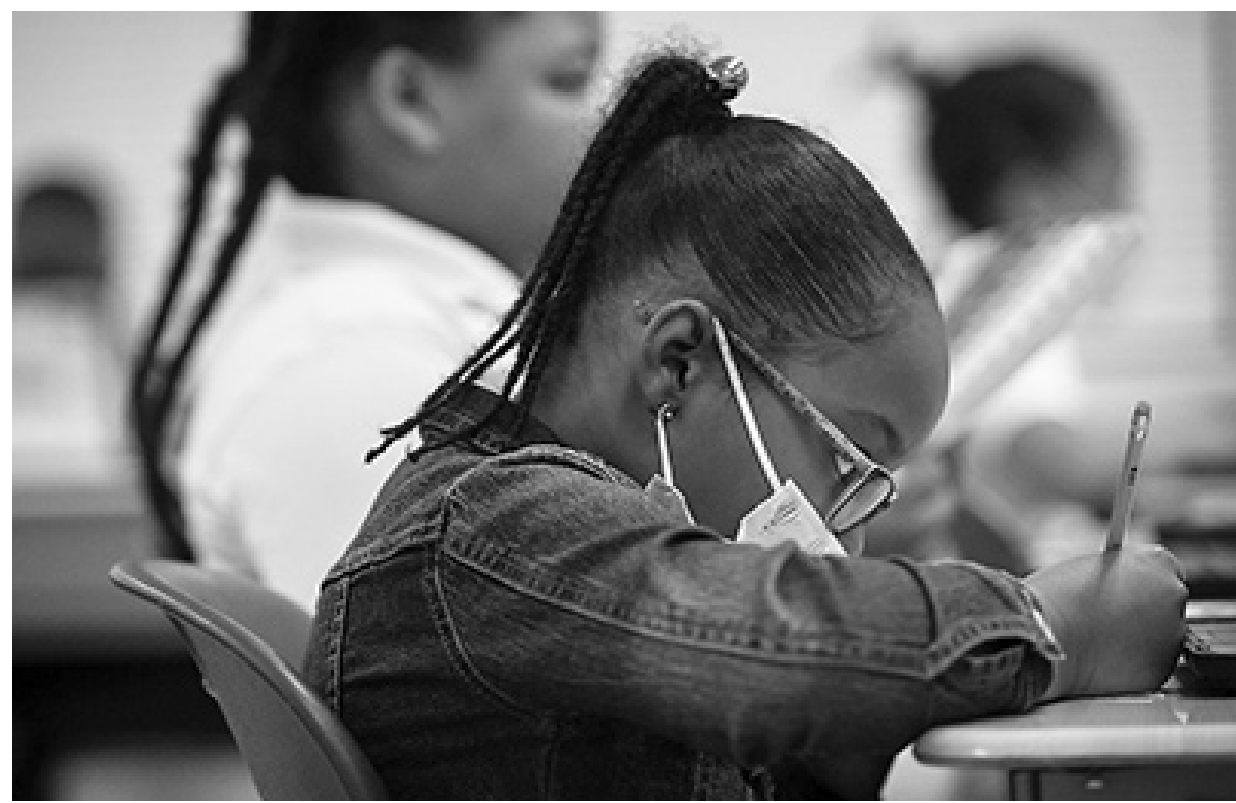
- Lowered Expectations: The state's definition of 'meeting expectations' no longer aligns with rigorous national benchmarks for what students should know and be able to do to be ready for college or for a career.

For the ACT, students are now rated as 'Meeting Expectations' with a composite score of 19 - well below the ACT's College Readiness Benchmark of 22.

Statewide, over 7,000 eleventh-graders were in a new 'Meets Expectations, Below College Ready' category in Math.

For the Forward Exam, students are now expected to demonstrate only "partial mastery of the skills foundational for proficiency at a given level.

- More Inequities, Wider Gaps,



**“The results of proficiency rates in the lower grades determine adult aspirations. If a child can't read at grade level by 4th grade, there is an appreciable reality they will suffer from the 'p' disease. (The 'P' disease is early 'Pregnancy' or 'Prison.')**

**& Disproportionate Subgroup Impacts:** As anticipated by DPI staff, while the new lower standards resulted in across-the-board increases in students rated as meeting standards across all subgroups, these changes had less benefit for historically under-educated groups of students

- By race/ethnicity: the percentage change in White students who met the new, lower state standards was two to three times greater than for Black and Hispanic students

- By family income: the percentage change in non-economically disadvantaged students who met the new, lower state standards was 25% larger than for economically disadvantaged students

- Special Education: the percentage change for non-special education students was four times as large as for students with identified disabilities

- Milwaukee's Academic Crisis: Milwaukee's academic crisis persists, with the gap between overall city and state performance growing by four percentage points under the new standards.

In ELA, 28% of students in both public charter and private schools in the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program (MPCP or vouchers) met state expectations, compared to 22% of students in MPS district-operated schools.

In Math, 27% of public charter schools and 25% of private school students in the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program met state expectations, compared to 16% of students in MPS district-operated schools.

The bottom line is that a significant cover-up is in place, a paradigm consistent with past practices for DPI and MPS.

The difference this time is that the government is trying to confuse

or hypnotize parents into believing their child is doing better than they.

Following an analysis of the recent test scores, Colleston Morgan, executive director of City Forward Collective, noted

"Superintendent Jill Underly & DPI's decisions to lower expectations for students—and the associated changes made to Wisconsin state assessments—are harmful to students, bad for families, and do a disservice to educators and all stakeholders in our state's K12 schools."

Moreover, "Underly has implemented a series of ill-considered changes, hastily pushed through without proper deliberation and full stakeholder input, that both lowered the bar and muddied the picture of student outcomes and school performance."

Even Governor Tony Evers, the former DPI superintendent who es-

ablished the prior standard, agrees. Sadly, he said he could do anything since DPI is a different department.

I beg to differ, but that, too, is consistent with policies that have undermined Black academic achievement over the decades.

It brings to mind a scenario at North Division a few years ago when the school's valedictorian and salutatorian—the top two students—enrolled in a state college only to discover they were unprepared.

Both had to take a full year of remedial Education. One transferred to MATC.

Valedictorian Martinez Martin has since crusaded to bring attention to the dichotomous and seemingly racist scenario that he assumes was taking place across the district.

It's too bad his alarm has fallen on deaf ears, as does most of the dire news about our children's (mis) Education.

I attribute blame from the top—U.S. Department of Education—down to the parent.

State Representatives, who are constitutionally responsible for education, have ignored this tragedy. In fact, they haven't lamented a single concern about this sham.

(I guess our Black reps are working 24/7 on the presidential campaign. A noble goal, but how can you forget home?)

Honestly, I'm tired of revealing these ongoing affronts to our children.

I could issue one of those disingenuous statements about how the 'community should come together to address this tragedy.'

Or, I can blame Black leadership (if there is any) or our so-called Black organizations, but what's the use?

In another reality, I wish I was smart enough to teach high school students how to shoot free throws. Unfortunately, the last time I bounced a basketball, it didn't come back up...

I wanted a sincere and committed basketball coach.

**Hotep**

## From 'Law and Order' to a Racist National Agenda

By Pilar Marrero, courtesy of ethnicmediaservices.org

**The undercurrent of hatred and racism behind anti-immigrant policies over the last 35 years has been exposed in the platform of a certain Donald J. Trump.**

Not too long ago, American politicians—mostly Republicans, with a few Democrats—denied that their "tough" positions against immigrants had anything to do with race or ethnicity.

"It's not a matter of racism," they assured us, "it's a matter of legality, of enforcing the laws of the United States."

Their focus, they argued, was on deporting those who commit crimes, while protecting citizens and legal residents, and those immigrants who "did things the right way" by coming to this country legally.

But now the masks have come off. The undercurrent of hatred and racism behind anti-immigrant policies over the last 35 years, barely concealed under a veneer of "law and order," has been exposed in the platform of a certain Donald J. Trump, whose personal disdain for minorities is more than evident.

I think it's been made sufficiently clear in recent weeks—on top of everything that's happened over the last few years—that Donald

Trump's third presidential campaign and the MAGA movement generally don't bother with these distinctions.

Instead, what we hear from Trump and those who support him at his events is this: "We (the United States) have become the depositary of the world's garbage"; "Venezuela is opening its prisons and sending us its rapists and criminals"; "an island of garbage floats in the sea, and it's called Puerto Rico," Haitians in Springfield eat cats and dogs, and Black Americans use watermelons instead of pumpkins for Halloween.

The list of stereotypes and clichés coming from Trump and his allies grows more radical, but the evidence of Trump's racism is not new.

He made it clear when he launched his first campaign in 2015 and continued for years: "Mexico isn't sending their best, they are bringing crime, they're bringing drugs, they're rapists, and some, I assume, are good people," his comments about Central American and African nations as "shithole countries," his "scientific" insight in declaring COVID as "the Chinese virus," unleashing a wave of hate crimes against the Asian American community not seen in decades, and

his "security-related" ban on thousands of Muslims entering the U.S. are all just older exhibits attached to the continued mountain of evidence.

But his new promises go beyond deporting "illegals." Now it's about making "legals" illegal (removing TPS, refugee programs, and work visas) and changing the Constitution so that being born in the United States does not automatically grant citizenship.

Creating millions of stateless babies is one of his goals.

Central to his campaign promises are the mass deportations of "between 12 and 21 million immigrants" that will begin "from day one."

There's also the notion that separating families during deportations isn't necessary "since we can deport the whole family," as Tom Homan, the former ICE director under Trump, clearly explained last week on "60 Minutes."

This will include anyone indiscriminately caught in the net, whether or not they're citizens or legal residents.

We're talking about another, much larger, "Operation Wetback," like the one the U.S. carried out in

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Republican Presidential candidate Donald Trump. (Wikimedia photo, Creative Commons license)

1955 when hundreds of thousands of people were deported from various U.S. regions to Mexico, many of them citizens or people who had spent nearly their entire lives in the United States.

What Trump is proposing is the use of military tactics and "detention camps," along with the investment of billions of dollars in a program unprecedented in the modern world.

The human, familial, and economic devastation is indescribable and would become a historic curse for this country.

Sometimes I wonder, though, if those Latinos voting for Trump understand what they're doing. If, as journalist Paola Ramos suggests in

her study on the Latino far-right, "many Latinos don't believe that Trump is talking about them when he says what he says." When we hear that disillusioned Black men are turning to Trump as an alternative, or when nationalist groups talk about "expelling immigrants and protecting our way of life."

Many say it without hesitation: "Protect the white heritage of America."

Latinos and other racial minorities who believe that Trump's plans don't include them and who only want "to improve the economy" or "recover the jobs that illegals take from us" will face a rude awakening when they realize that the vision of

the country their admired leader holds doesn't include them either. Their lives will become hell in a country led by a man whose closest conservative and Republican associates have described as a Hitler fan and a fascist. —Pilar Marrero is a journalist and writer. In 2012, she published the book *El Despertar del Sueño Americano (in Spanish) and Killing the American Dream (in English)*, in which she described the complex relationship between the United States and its immigrant past and the misguided immigration policy that has prevailed since 1990. She is an Associate Editor with *Ethnic Media Services*.

# 'VOTER RESCUE'

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which is advertised on temporary street signs more than a mile away.

But her work — dubbed “voter rescue” — won't begin until after the voting machines are gone.

Sundstrom co-leads Supermarket Legends, a nonpartisan, left-leaning Milwaukee voter advocacy group that has registered voters outside grocery stores and other venues since 2011.

For the “voter rescue” initiative, volunteers spend each Election Day at some of the city's 10 early voting sites, greeting hundreds of bewildered residents who mistakenly thought they could cast Election Day ballots at early voting locations such as the old bank.

The volunteers explain that the nearly two-week early voting period ends the weekend before Election Day. They try to make sure the voters know how to find their local polling place — which is the only place where in-person voting on Election Day is allowed.

“We do a lot of different things around promoting voting in Milwaukee. This is one that everybody likes to do,” Sundstrom said. “Because you get that instant feedback — this person was upset and discouraged, but now they have a plan. Maybe they'll vote, maybe they won't; we can't control that. But at least they've empowered themselves to vote if they want to, and they didn't just get the door slammed in their face.”

Hundreds of voters ‘rescued’ By now, battleground state is almost as synonymous with Wisconsin as Badger State when it comes to presidential elections. The candidate who carried Wisconsin in four of the last six contests — including Republican Donald Trump in 2016 and Democrat Joe Biden in 2020 — won the state by less than 1 percentage point.

So, the adage that every vote counts packs more power here, and in-person early voting has become more important.

In the 2020 presidential election, 20% of Wisconsin ballots were cast at early voting sites. It was 12% in the November 2022 election, which featured races for governor and U.S. Senate.

Sundstrom said that based on simple tallies kept on paper, Supermarket Legends “rescued” 800 Election Day voters in 2020 and nearly 900 in 2022.

Leaders of the National Association of State Election Directors, the national Electionline news service and the Wisconsin League of Women Voters said they were not aware of voter rescue efforts anywhere else in the U.S.

“This is a really interesting phenomenon,” said Barry Burden, director of the Elections Research Center at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, adding that he had not heard of such initiatives elsewhere. He noted similar confusion among students at UW-Madison, where the early voting site is not always the same as the Election Day polling place.

Orlando Owens, a Milwaukee County Republican Party branch chair who works to increase GOP voter turnout in Milwaukee, called voter rescue “another tool in the toolbox” of increasing voter turnout in heavily Democratic Milwaukee. “We have to find a way to match it,” he said.

“They had a plan, and then the plan falls apart”

During early voting, Milwaukee voters can cast ballots at any early voting site in the city, which is part of what leads to confusion.

On Election Day, a voter can vote at an early voting site — but only if it is also a polling place that serves that voter's address.

Early voting sites such as the old



Trisha Young / Wisconsin Watch

bank, which isn't a polling place, aren't open for Election Day voting.

“Sometimes people are a little rattled or agitated because they had a plan, and then the plan falls apart,” Sundstrom said. “So, the first thing is just to try and get the person to take a breath and figure out what the problem is.”

Most voters, when told they have to vote at their polling place, know

where to go, but if they don't, volunteers look up the location for them.

There's no way to know whether people went to their polling place and voted.

“For most people, they're like, ‘Oh, well, I can do that.’ But there are people who are working two or three jobs across town, there's no way they're going to be able to get there,”

Sundstrom said. “If they say they

can't do it, we try and strategize ... but we don't have any superpowers. We just try and provide them the information and a friendly face.”

Avoiding the anxiety More than 97,000 people in Wisconsin cast ballots on the first day of early in-person voting, 22% more than in the November 2020 election.

That doesn't eliminate chances of confusion at early voting sites on

Election Day for a presidential contest that is effectively tied in Wisconsin, according to the latest polls, and with voter turnout expected to be high.

Kisha Fields, 47, came to 60th and Capitol on Tuesday to vote early for the first time, saying she wanted to avoid Election Day anxiety.

Fields was undaunted by the wait and hopeful that all ballots, no matter how they're cast, would be accurately counted.

“Prayer is the key,” she said. “I don't have no control over it; none of us do ... I've just got to do my part.”

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## Early voting on now until Sunday, Nov. 3 across the city

Voters in the City of Milwaukee are now able to take advantage of the early voting locations across the city for the 2024 Fall General Election on November 5.

Common Council President and Ald. José G. Pérez said early in-person absentee voting will run through Sunday, November 3.

“We have very consequential elections for national, local and statewide office, including the race for U.S. President and U.S. Senate, and every single vote is important.

Early voting is quick and conven-

ient, and only takes a matter of minutes,” Alderman Pérez said.

NOTE: Voter Registration, including address and/or name changes, ends on Friday, November 1, at all early voting locations.

If you miss the opportunity to register to vote at early voting, you can register on Election Day, Tuesday, November 5 at your polling location.

Voters need to bring a valid ID and proof of residence/address to register at their polling locations on November 5. Please go to Myvote.wi.gov for more information on how to register to vote.

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# A MEGA GOTV GOAL: 100,000,000 VOTES FOR HARRIS

BY MICHAEL A. GRANT



Vice President Kamala Harris campaigns in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., on Sept. 13, 2024. Lev Radin/Pacific Press/LightRocket via Getty Images via the website, 'theconversation.com'

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - The best way to overcome "The Big Lie" is with a bigger truth! For this reason, supporters of Kamala Harris and Tim Walz should set a stretch goal of securing 100,000,000 votes on November 5, 2024.

This is 19,000,000 more votes than Joe Biden received in 2020. Only 66 percent of eligible voters turned out for that contested election. Even with overwhelming evidence that no fraud took place in the tabulation of the vote and after over 60 court challenges, Donald Trump stubbornly held on to the lie that the election was stolen from him. And while it is clear that he knew he lost, the closeness of the count in a number of battleground states allowed him to convince his followers that he had, in fact, won the election.

Therefore, this time around, Trump should be defeated by such an overwhelming number of votes cast that there will be little room for any plausible dispute about who won the election. Governing with a divided and suspicious electorate undermines the legitimate authority of candidates who won in a free and fair election. So what are the persuasive arguments in favor of a Harris / Walz candidacy?

Well, to begin, let's start with the economic plan being advanced by Harris. Even the business community is lining up behind her plans to strengthen the U.S. economy. In a recent Wall Street Journal poll (conducted October 4th - 8th), 68 percent of respondents said they thought inflation would rise under a second Trump term compared to a Harris plan.

In the same Wall Street Journal article, 65 percent of economist said they saw Trump's policies adding more to the nation's deficits compared to Harris' policy agenda. Also, 45 percent to 37 percent of economists expect economic output to expand faster under Harris.

Harris is also considering tax breaks for large companies that share profits with their workers. She wants to jump-start her economic opportunity for Americas pro-

posals with the following:

- \$25,000 for down-payment assistance for first time home purchases;
- \$50,000 for small businesses;
- \$6,000 child tax credit.

Building on the work of the Biden-Harris Administration, she intends to continue growing the number of infrastructure jobs and employment opportunities in the "Green economy." Job training is also a critical component of her plans to reach out to those left behind during the ongoing tech revolution.

There is a string of powerful reasons that Harris-Walz must aim for 100,000,000 votes to win:

- Kamala Harris wants a Justice Department that is used to protect all Americans and not for retribution or revenge against the president's adversaries.

- Kamala Harris wants women to control their own bodies and not have governmental invasion of the womb. One of America's most cherished ideals is freedom which is also one of the most galvanizing themes of her candidacy.

- Harris wants an immigration policy that defines the best in the American tradition, policies that secure the border in an orderly and systematic fashion but it is also humane and respects the dignity of all human beings.

- Finally, Harris wants to bring Americans together. She has reached out to Republicans and Independents in an effort to unify a very polarized country. She knows that the wisdom in sacred scripture is instructive: "A house divided against itself cannot stand."

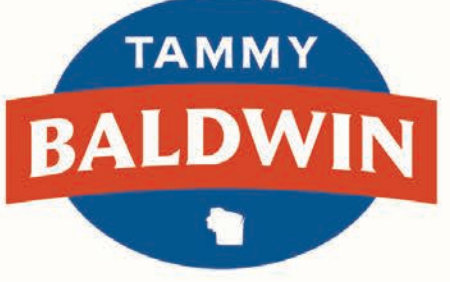
Her aspirations are quintessentially American. Her policy pronouncements are inclusive. She is ready to be president for all Americans. For these and other reasons, setting a goal for 100,000,000 votes just makes good sense! —*Michael A Grant, J.D., president emeritus of the National Bankers Association and former assistant professor of political science at Morgan State University, is a columnist with the Trice Edney News Wire.*



## Vote Like Our Rights and Freedoms Depend On It!

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For more information about where and when to vote, visit [SoulsToThePollsWI.org/vote-center](https://SoulsToThePollsWI.org/vote-center)



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- The economy** is on the ballot.
- Health care** is on the ballot.
- Criminal justice reform** is on the ballot.
- Reproductive freedom** is on the ballot.
- Environmental justice** is on the ballot.
- The right to vote** is on the ballot.

If we do our part and show up to the polls, we will make history (again)!

Let's vote for progress and the future we deserve. Vote for the leader who's been fighting for us for years.

**Election Day is November 5th.**  
**Vote for Kamala Harris.**

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