

Notice of Partisan Primary and Sample Ballots

August 11, 2026

Office of the Dane County Clerk

To the voters of Dane County:

Notice is hereby given of a partisan primary to be held in Dane County on August 11, 2026, at which the nominees for the offices named below shall be chosen. The names of the candidates for each office, whose nominations have been certified to or filed in this office, are given under the title of the office under the appropriate party, each in its proper column, together with the questions submitted to a vote, if any, 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.

At the partisan primary, the voter shall select the party of their choice. Voting for candidates of more than one party may invalidate the ballot. The voter must cast a vote for individual candidates.

Where Optical Scan Voting is used

- If a party preference is designated, and votes are cast for ballot candidates of another party or write-in votes are cast in another party, only votes cast in the designated party will count.
- If a party preference is not designated, and votes are cast for candidates (or write-in votes are cast) in more than one party, no votes will be counted

Within the party of their choice, 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. 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* ("Express Vote") to mark an **optical scan** ballot, the voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select the party of their choice. The voter shall then touch the screen at 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 type in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. 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 the security sleeve, so the marks do not show. The voter shall then insert the ballot in the voting device and discard the sleeve 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 and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. The voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

The following is a sample of the official ballot:

Scott McDonell, Dane County Clerk

The foregoing ballot contains candidates in Senate District 27 and Assembly District 80. The following is a complete list of candidates for all Senate and Assembly Districts in Dane County.

Republican	Democratic	Constitution	Libertarian	Wisconsin Green
15th Senate Scott Fleming	15th Senate Mark Spreitzer	15th Senate None	15th Senate None	15th Senate None
17th Senate Howard Marklein	17th Senate Jenna Jacobson Corrine Hendrickson Lisa Rose White	17th Senate None	17th Senate None	17th Senate None
27th Senate None	27th Senate Dianne Hesselbein	27th Senate None	27th Senate None	27th Senate None

42nd Assembly Keith F. Miller	42nd Assembly Maureen McCarville	42nd Assembly None	42nd Assembly None	42nd Assembly None
43rd Assembly Paul McGraw	43rd Assembly Brienne Brown	43rd Assembly None	43rd Assembly None	43rd Assembly None
46th Assembly John Donohue	46th Assembly Joan Fitzgerald	46th Assembly None	46th Assembly None	46th Assembly None
47th Assembly Sandy Bakk	47th Assembly Randy Udell	47th Assembly None	47th Assembly None	47th Assembly None
48th Assembly Mark Kjorlie	48th Assembly Andrew Hysell	48th Assembly None	48th Assembly None	48th Assembly None
50th Assembly Jon Aleckson	50th Assembly Bill Oemichen Josh Mittness Bryna Caves	50th Assembly None	50th Assembly None	50th Assembly None
51st Assembly Todd Novak	51st Assembly Ben Gruber	51st Assembly None	51st Assembly None	51st Assembly None
76th Assembly Nina Chat	76th Assembly Tony Casteñeda Zoe Sullivan Isaia Ben-Ami Juliana Bennett Dina Nina Martinez- Rutherford	76th Assembly None	76th Assembly None	76th Assembly None
77th Assembly Jane McCormick	77th Assembly Renuka Mayadev	77th Assembly None	77th Assembly None	77th Assembly None
78th Assembly Henry Johnson	78th Assembly Shelia Stubbs	78th Assembly None	78th Assembly None	78th Assembly None
79th Assembly John Fons	79th Assembly Lisa Subeck	79th Assembly None	79th Assembly None	79th Assembly None
80th Assembly Simran Arora	80th Assembly Mike Bare	80th Assembly None	80th Assembly None	80th Assembly None
81st Assembly Mark S. Maier	81st Assembly Alex Joers	81st Assembly None	81st Assembly None	81st Assembly None