

Mandela Barnes: "YOU made this happen"

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MILWAUKEE - We did it! Last night, after seven months of campaigning, Wisconsin Democrats went to the polls and chose me to be their next Lieutenant Governor. I want to take a moment to thank each and every one of you who supported me throughout this process. It is an honor and a privilege to have reached this point.

Whether you donated to the campaign, talked to your friends and family, made calls, shared social media posts, came to an event, or simply filled the bubble next to my name on the ballot, we wouldn't be anywhere without you.

As exciting as all of this is, we know that we're only halfway there. This election, more than anything else, is about taking power back in our state, and restoring and expanding opportunity across Wisconsin. The time is now to organize in every community, and to elect progressive Democrats up and down the ballot, from Tammy Baldwin at the federal level all the way down to the Assembly, where there are Democrats running in 91 of 99 districts!

I want to thank all the great candidates who ran in the primary for Governor this year. The thoughtful exchange of ideas represented a welcome contrast to the ugly battle waged by Republicans in their primary for Senate.

Democrats stand united, and I am thrilled to be joining the ticket with Tony Evers on the November 6th ballot. With your continued support, I know that we will win and bring real, positive change to the lives of Wisconsinites - no matter which party they've supported in the past.

-- Mandela Barnes