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STATEWIDE - In 2018 an unprecedented number of Citizen Action of Wisconsin members stepped forward as new candidates for state office. In all 18 Citizen Action members ran as challengers for state office, in many cases taking on entrenched incumbent Republicans incumbents in hotly contested races for State Senate, State Assembly, Lt. Governor and State Treasurer. In addition, member Randy Bryce ran a strong race for Congress.

This outpouring of leadership from members reflects both the growing statewide grassroots influence of Citizen Action, and a general upsurge in civic engagement among progressives. It builds on our Spring election successes, when 49 Citizen Action Members were elected to local office

Citizen Action member who won challenger elections to state office in 2018 were Mandela Barnes (Lt. Governor); Sarah Godlewski (State Treasure); Marisabel Cabrera (State Assembly) and Jeff Smith (State Senate). (This does not include Citizen Action members in the Legislature who successfully ran for re-election). In addition, a number of candidates who lost ran closer than expected races in traditionally Republican districts

The Citizen Action candidates who did not win had to contend with highly partisan legislative maps which rigged the game against them. Despite this obstacles, all of the Citizen Action member-candidates made a difference both by turning out votes for Tammy Baldwin, Tony

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Evers, and Josh Kaul, and expanding the playing field for Republicans to create more electoral opportunities for progressive candidates.



"Citizen Action members across the state ran highly competitive grassroots campaigns in districts that were rigged against them by unfair maps," said **Robert Kraig**, Executive Director of Citizen Action of Wisconsin. "Even when our member-candidates fell short of victory, their hard work and one-on-one engagement with tens of thousands of voters improved overall Democratic performance, helping swing key statewide races to progressive candidates."

Full List of Citizen Action Member Challengers for State and Federal Office

(Not including Citizen Action members already in the State Legislature, running for re-election)

Lt. Governor

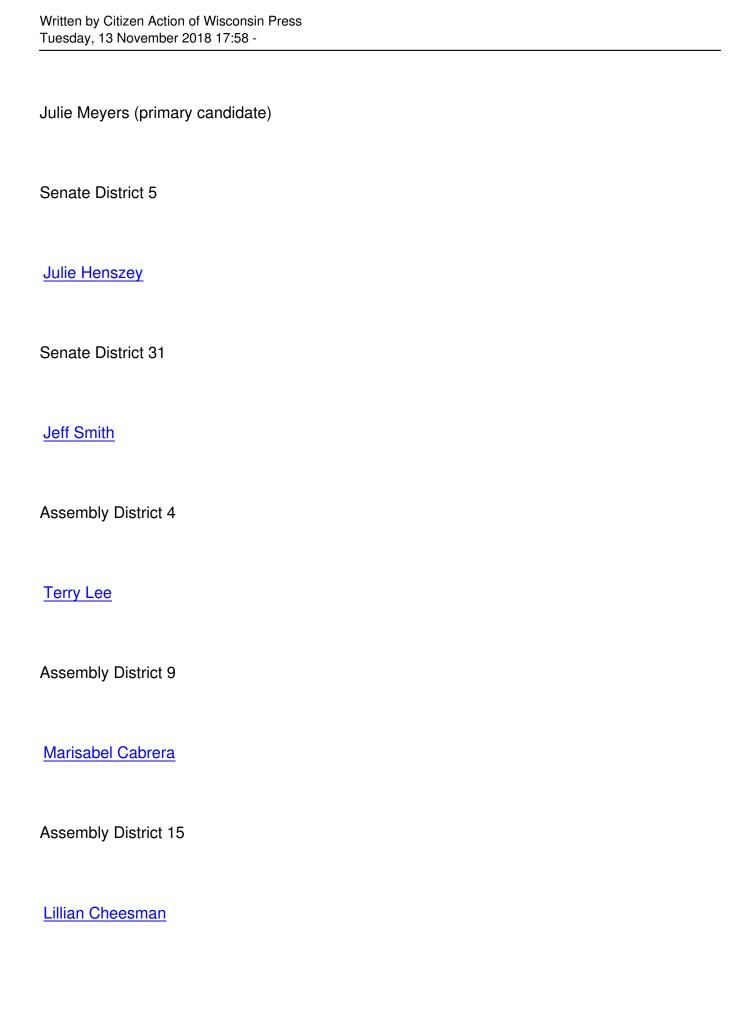
Mandela Barnes

State Treasurer

Sarah Godlewski

U.S. Congress District 1

Randy Bryce



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Assembly District 21
Gabriel Gomez
Assembly District 22
Aaron Matteson
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<u>Liz Sumner</u>
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Emily Segrist
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Kim Butler
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Assembly District 60		
Chris Rahlf		
Assembly District 68		
Wendy Sue Johnson		
Assembly District 72		
<u>David Gorski</u>		
Assembly District 84		
Erica Flynn		
Assembly District 86		
Nancy Stencil		
Assembly District 88		

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Tom Sieber

Assembly District 89

Ken Holdorf