



## Wisconsin Grocers Association – Capitol Days April 19 – Legislative Biographies



Senator Van Wanggaard - R  
District 21

- Born Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, April 1952; married; 2 children, 3 grandchildren.
- Graduate Racine Lutheran High School, 1970; Racine Police Academy; Wisconsin State Patrol Academy Accident Investigation; Northwestern University Traffic Institute-Reconstruction; U.S. Coast Guard National SAR School; attended John F. Kennedy University, California; University of Wisconsin-Extension; University of Wisconsin-Parkside; Green Bay Technical College; Milwaukee Area Technical College; Fox Valley Technical College.
- Full-time legislator. Retired traffic investigator, Racine Police Department; adjunct instructor, Gateway Technical College and Northwestern Traffic Institute; police liaison and security, Racine Unified School District.
- Member: National Rifle Association (life member); Racine County Line Rifle Club (board of directors); Racine Police Credit Union (former president, vice president); Major, Wisconsin Wing, Civil Air Patrol Legislative Squadron (official Auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force).
- Former member: Racine Zoological Society; Racine Jaycees; Racine Police Explorers, Traffic Accident Consultants, Inc.; Association of SWAT Personnel; Racine Innovative Youth Service; Hostage Negotiation Team, RAPD; Racine Junior Deputy Sheriffs Association; Racine Alateen; National Association for Search and Rescue.
- Racine Police and Fire Commission, 2003—13 (chair, vice chair, secretary). Racine County Board, 2002—11.
- Elected to Senate 2010. Reelected since 2014. Leadership positions: Majority Caucus Vice Chair 2015—2017; Majority Caucus Chair 2017, 2019.



Senator Bob Wirch – D  
District 22

- Born Kenosha, Wisconsin, November 16, 1943; married; 2 children.
- Graduate Mary D. Bradford High School; B.A. University of Wisconsin-Parkside, 1970.
- Full-time legislator. Former factory worker and liaison to JTPA programs; served in Army Reserve, 1965–71.
- Member: Danish Brotherhood; Kenosha Sport Fishing and Conservation Association; Democratic Party of Wisconsin.
- Former member: Kenosha Boys and Girls Club (board of directors).
- Kenosha County supervisor, 1986–94 (served on Health and Human Services Committee, Welfare Board, and Developmental Disabilities Board).
- Elected to Assembly 1992. Reelected 1994. Elected to Senate since 1996. Leadership position: minority caucus chair 2003.



Senator Julian Bradley - R  
District 28

- Born Baltimore, Maryland, February 11, 1981. Moved to Wisconsin in 1992.
- B.S. in Political Science, University of Wisconsin–La Crosse, 2014; attended Temple University (Philadelphia), 2004–2005.
- Realtor. Former operations manager for Northwestern Mutual and CenturyLink.
- Member: Milwaukee County Republican Party; Waukesha County Republican Party; Walworth County Republican Party; Racine County Republican Party; NRA.
- Former member: La Crosse County Republican Party (chair); 2015 Republican Party of Wisconsin Convention (chair); Third Congressional District Republican Party (vice chair); Together for Tots, Toys for Tots Drive (cofounder).
- Recipient: Milwaukee Police Association Legislator of the Year; Wisconsin Right Now Wall of Fame.
- Elected to Senate 2020.



Rep. Amanda Nedweski – R

District 61

- Born Kenosha County, Wisconsin, December 1975
- Graduate Mary D Bradford High School 1994; Earned bachelor's degree from University of Wisconsin Parkside 1998
- Worked for Braun Consulting, CNH Industrial as a financial analyst
- Elected to the Assembly 2022



Rep. Robert Wittke – R

District 62



- Born Racine, Wisconsin, September 23, 1957; married; 4 children.
- Graduate William Horlick High School (Racine, Wisconsin), 1975; B.A. University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, 1980.
- Tax professional for 25 years, specializing in corporate taxation.
- Former member: Racine Unified School District Board, 2016–19 (past president).
- Elected to the Assembly 2018.



Rep. Robin Vos

District 63

- Biography: Born Burlington, Wisconsin, July 5, 1968.
- Graduate Burlington High School, 1986; University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, 1991.
- Owner of several small businesses. Former congressional district director; former legislative assistant.
- Member: President-Elect of the National Conference of State Legislatures and the Vice Chair of the State Legislative Leaders Foundation. Rotary Club (past president); Racine/Kenosha Farm Bureau; Knights of Columbus; Racine County Republican Party; Racine Area Manufacturers and Commerce; Union Grove Chamber of Commerce; Burlington Chamber of Commerce.
- University of Wisconsin Board of Regents, 1989–91, Racine County Board, 1994–2004 (former chair of Finance and Personnel committees).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elected to Assembly since 2004. Leadership positions: Speaker of the Assembly 2019, 2017, 2015, 2013; co-chair of the Joint Committee on Finance 2011.</li> </ul>
 <p>Rep. Tip McGuire – D District 64</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Born Somers, Wisconsin.</li> <li>• Graduate St. Catherine’s High School (Racine), 2005; B.A., Marquette University, 2009; J.D., University of Wisconsin Law School, 2017.</li> <li>• Attorney. Former legislative aide to Representative Peter Barca; Kenosha County special prosecutor; Milwaukee County assistant district attorney.</li> <li>• Member: State Bar of Wisconsin.</li> <li>• Former member: Kenosha Public Library Foundation Board (president of board of directors); National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Kenosha County (board member).</li> <li>• Elected to Assembly in April 2019 special election.</li> </ul>
 <p>Rep. Tod Ohnstad – D District 65</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Born Eau Claire, Wisconsin, May 21, 1952; married.</li> <li>• Graduate Altoona Public High School, 1970; attended University of Wisconsin-Parkside.</li> <li>• Former member: UAW Local 72 (chair of trustees, shop committeeman, bargaining committee, executive board).</li> <li>• City of Kenosha alderman, 2008–14.</li> <li>• Elected to Assembly since 2012.</li> </ul>



Rep. Greta Neubauer – D  
District 66

- Born Racine, Wisconsin, September 13, 1991.
- Graduate The Prairie School, 2010; B.A. in History, Middlebury College, 2015.
- Former legislative aide to State Representative Cory Mason; Fossil Fuel Divestment Student Network (director and cofounder); 350.org (fellow).
- Member: Racine Hospitality Center Board; Racine Interfaith Coalition; NAACP—Racine Branch; National Caucus of Environmental Legislators; Climate Power Advisory Board; Victory Institute; Democratic Party of Racine County.
- Former Member: Governor’s Task Force on Climate Change; Mayor’s Task Force on Police Reform.
- Recipient: Racine Labor Council Labor Person of the Year 2019; Wisconsin Conservation Voters Conservation Champion 2021–22, 2019–20; RENEW Wisconsin Legislative Leadership Award 2020.
- Elected to Assembly in January 2018 special election. Re-elected since November 2018. Leadership positions: Minority Leader 2023, 2021 (effective 12/20/21).



Rep. Chuck Wichgers – R  
District 82

- Born Milwaukee, Wisconsin, July 4, 1965; 8 children; grandfather.
- Graduate Muskego High School, 1983; Waukesha County Technical College, 1984–1985.
- Works in professional sales. Former medical salesman offering conservative options for pain management. Coach for softball, basketball, football.
- Member: Various pro-life groups across Wisconsin; church committees and organizations; family volunteers to assist transporting nursing home residents to weekly religious services; education curriculum watchdog.
- Former Member: Muskego Hoops Booster Club (cofounder); Moose Club; Preserve Muskego (president); Janesville Road Reconstruction Advisory Committee.
- Elected to City of Muskego Common Council, 1999–2002; Waukesha County Board of Supervisors, 1999–2002; Assembly since 2016.



Rep. Nik Rettinger – R

District 83

- Born Waukesha, Wisconsin, August 1990
- Graduate Waukesha South High School; University of Wisconsin Milwaukee at Waukesha 2011; University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee where he earned his bachelors 2014
- Co- founded Campaign Tutors 2022
- Elected to Assembly in 2022



Rep. Bob Donovan – R

District 84

- Born Milwaukee, Wisconsin 1956
- Graduate Saint Thomas More High School
- Attended Saint Francis de Sales Seminary, University of Wisconsin Milwaukee
- Member of Public Safety Committee and Anti-Graffiti Policy Committee
- Elected to Assembly in 2022