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Wisconsin Grocers Association – Capitol Days April 26 – Legislative Biographies



Senator Tim Carpenter- D

District 3

- Born St. Francis Hospital, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; lifelong South Side resident.
- Graduate, Pulaski High School; B.A. in Political Science and History, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; M.A. in Public Policy and Public Administration, La Follette School of Public Affairs, University of Wisconsin-Madison; Milwaukee Police Department Citizen Academy, 2018.
- Member: Menominee Valley Partners; Friends of Hank Aaron State Trail; Friends of the Monarch Trail; Sierra Club; Jackson Park Neighborhood Association; Milwaukee VA Soldiers Home Advisory Council; Wisconsin Humane Society.
- Recipient: Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) *Legislator of the Year*; Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters *Conservation Champion*; several Wisconsin Environmental Decade *Clean 16* awards; Shepherd Express *Best State Legislator*; Wisconsin Public Health Association’s *Champion of Public Health*; Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups *Award for Service to Seniors*; Wisconsin Professional Fire Fighters *Legislator of the Year*.
- Elected to Assembly 1984–2000. Elected to Senate since 2002. Leadership positions: Senate President Pro Tempore, 2013, 2011; Assembly Speaker Pro Tempore, 1993–94.



Senator Lena Taylor - D

District 4

- Born Milwaukee, Wisconsin, July 25, 1966; 1 child.
- Graduate Rufus King High School (Milwaukee), 1984; B.A. in English University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 1990; J.D. Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, 1993.
- Practicing Wisconsin attorney 1993-present; founding partner, Taylor & Associates Law Office, 1996-present.
- Member: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated (former Wisconsin state connection coordinator); National Organization of Black Elected Legislative Women; National Black Caucus of State Legislators; NAACP.
- Elected to Assembly, 2003-5 (April 2003 special election). Elected to Senate since 2004.





Senator LaTonya Johnson- D
District 6

- Born Somerville, Tennessee, June 22; 1 child.
- Graduate Bay View High School, 1990; B.S. in Criminal Justice, Tennessee State University, 1997; attended University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 1990—92.
- Full-time legislator. Former family child care provider and owner, 2002—12; insurance agent, 2000—02; financial employment planner, 1997—2000.
- Member: American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Wisconsin Child Care Providers Together Local 502 (former president); AFSCME District Council 32 (former vice president); AFSCME People; Emerge Wisconsin, Class of 2012; Milwaukee Democratic Legislative Caucus (former chair); Wisconsin Legislative Black Caucus; University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute (advisory board member); Wisconsin Legislative Children's Caucus (cochair); BLOC (Black Leaders Organizing for Communities) cofounder; NAACP; College Savings Program Board.
- Former member: African American Chamber of Commerce; Wisconsin Women in Government (former board member); Coalition of Black Trade Unionists; Midwestern Legislative Conference (executive committee member).
- Elected to Assembly 2012-2014. Elected to Senate since 2016.



Senator Chris Larson – D
District 7

- Born Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, November 12, 1980; married; 2 children.
- Graduate Thomas More High School, 1999; degree in Finance, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 2007.
- Full-time legislator. Former business manager.
- Member: American Civil Liberties Union; University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Alumni Association; League of Conservation Voters; Bay View Neighborhood Association; Planned Parenthood Advocates of Wisconsin; Sierra Club; Humboldt Park Friends; South Side Business Club of Milwaukee; Bay View Historical Society; Arbor Day Foundation; TriWisconsin; Badgerland Striders; Bay View Lions Club; Lake Park Friends; MPTV Friends.
- Former member: Airport Area Economic Development Group; Young Elected Officials; Coalition to Save the Hoan Bridge (cofounder); WISPIRG (campus intern).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recipient: Wisconsin Conservation Voters Conservation Champion Award 2013–22; Shepherd Express Legislator of the Year Award 2012–22; Mothers Against Drunk Driving Legislator of the Year Award 2019; Wisconsin Freedom of Information Council Political Openness Award 2019; WEAC Friend of Education Award 2022. • Elected to Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, 2008–10. • Elected to Senate since 2010. Leadership positions: Minority Caucus Chair 2023; Minority Leader 2013.
 <p>Rep. Daniel Riemer – D District 7</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Born Milwaukee, Wisconsin, December 10, 1986; married, two children. • Graduate Rufus King High School (Milwaukee, Wisconsin), 2005; B.A. University of Chicago, 2009; J.D. University of Wisconsin Law School, 2013. • Attorney. Captain, United States Army Reserve, Judge Advocate General's Corp • Member: Wisconsin State Bar Association; World Economic Forum: Global Shapers Alumni, Milwaukee Hub; Eisenhower Fellows; Milwaukee Jewish Federation—Weinstein Fellowship. • Elected to Assembly since 2012.
 <p>Rep. Sylvia Ortiz-Velez – D District 8</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Born Milwaukee, Wisconsin • Graduate University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee, B.A. in political science • Member of Housing and Real Estate Committee, Judiciary Committee, Substance and Prevention Committee, Transportation Committee and Veterans and Military Affairs Committee • Elected to Assembly 2021



Rep. Marisabel Cabrera - D
District 9

- Born Milwaukee, Wisconsin, December 12, 1975; single. Voting address: Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- Graduate Nathan Hale High School, 1993; B.A. in Spanish and Latin American Iberian Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1998; J.D. Michigan State University College of Law, 2002.
- Small business owner; immigration attorney.
- Member: Milwaukee Delegation of Democratic State Legislators (Chair); National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators (Vice Chair of Immigration Task Force); National Association of Elected and Appointed Officials; Voces de la Frontera; Democratic Party of Wisconsin (Former Chair of the Latino Caucus); Democratic Party of Milwaukee County; State Bar of Wisconsin; State Bar of Florida.
- Former member: City of Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission (Chair); Centro Hispano of Milwaukee Board of Directors.
- Recipient: Madison365 Wisconsin's Most Powerful Latinos 2018; Citizen Action of Wisconsin Community Champion Award 2018; Democratic Party of Milwaukee County Rising Star Award 2016.
- Elected to Assembly since 2018.



Rep. Darrin Madison – D
District 10

- Born Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- Graduate Ronald Reagan High School, Howard University
- Member of Milwaukee Child Welfare Partnership Council
- Elected Assembly 2022



Rep. Dora Drake – D
District 11

- Born Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- Graduate Eastbrook Academy (Milwaukee), 2011; B.A. Marquette University, 2015.
- Social worker; trauma-informed response facilitator; sales representative.
- Member: Young Democrats of Wisconsin; Emerge Wisconsin, Class of 2020; Wisconsin Legislative Black Caucus (2023 chair).
- Former member: Wisconsin Delegate for Young Democrats of America; Milwaukee Area Professionals Chapter of National Society of Black Engineers.
- Elected to Assembly 2020.



Rep. LaKeisha Myers - D
District 12

- Born Milwaukee, Wisconsin, May 21, 1984; single.
- Graduate Rufus King High School, 2002; B.A. in Political Science, Alcorn State University, 2006; M. Ed., Strayer University, 2009; Ed.D., Argosy University, 2016.
- Educator; small business owner. Former subcommittee clerk, U.S. House of Representatives; legislative aide, Wisconsin State Senate.
- Member: Alcorn State University National Alumni Association (Milwaukee Chapter vice president); Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; Democratic Party of Wisconsin; Historically Black College/University Alumni United (president); Milwaukee Metropolitan Alliance of Black School Educators; American Federation of Teachers; NAACP; African American Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin; The Links, Incorporated; The Junior League of Milwaukee.
- Former member: College Democrats of America (national membership director, 2005–6); Phi Delta Kappa International; National Education Association; National Council of Negro Women; Girl Scouts of the USA.
- Elected to Assembly since 2018.



Rep. Kalan Haywood – D
District 16

- Born Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 5, 1999; single.
- Graduate Rufus King International Baccalaureate High School, 2017; attended Cardinal Stritch University; attending University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (finance major).
- Full-time legislator. Former nonprofit consultant.
- Member: Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District Board of Directors; Young Elected Officials Network; National Black Caucus of State Legislators; National Caucus of State Legislators.
- Former member: City of Milwaukee Restorative Justice Advisory Committee (chair); BlackCEO Milwaukee Chapter (vice president); Determined Young Investors (president).
- Recipient: Boys and Girls Club of Wisconsin *Alumni of the Year 2021*.
- City of Milwaukee Youth Council (president).
- Elected to Assembly since 2018.



Rep. Supreme Moore
Okomunde - D
District 17

- Born Milwaukee, Wisconsin, August 22, 1979
- Graduate Riverside University High School (Milwaukee), 1997; attended Marquette University, 1997–2000, and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.
- Fulltime legislator. Former youth worker, Boys and Girls Club and YMCA; community organizer, Sherman Park Community Association; health care organizer, Citizen Action of Wisconsin.
- Member: Milwaukee Public Museum Board of Directors; Milwaukee County Human Rights Commission (workgroup member); Milwaukee City County Task Force on Climate and Economic Equity; Democratic Party of Wisconsin; Milwaukee Area Technical College’s Board of Directors since March 2022.
- Former member: Public Allies Milwaukee; TRUE Skool Board; 2016 Democratic National Convention (delegate for Bernie Sanders).
- Elected to Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, 2015–20 (chair of Committee on Health and Human Needs and member finance committees); Assembly 2020.



Rep. Evan Goyke – D

District 18

- Born Neenah, Wisconsin, November 24, 1982; married, 1 child.
- Graduate Edgewood High School (Madison), 2001; B.A. in Political Science, St. John’s University (Minnesota), 2005; J.D. Marquette University Law School, 2009.
- Attorney. Former state public defender.
- Member: Historic Concordia Neighborhood Association (former board member); Progressive Community Health Center (former board member); State Bar of Wisconsin; Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America; Milwaukee Democratic Delegation (former chair). Milwaukee Young Lawyers Association (former board member).
- Former member: American Federation of Teachers Local 4822.
- Elected to Assembly since 2012.



Rep. Ryan Clancy – D

District 19

- Born January 9, 1977; married; 5 children.
- Graduate Nicolet High School, 1995; B.A. in English, Certification in Secondary Education, Beloit College, 2000; M.A. in Negotiation, Conflict Resolution, and Peacebuilding, California State University–Dominguez Hills, 2012.
- Co-owner, Bounce Milwaukee; volunteer legal observer and team leader, American Civil Liberties Union; volunteer, Mass Care/Sheltering, American Red Cross. Former teacher, Milwaukee Public Schools; counselor and counselor trainer, Legacy International; owner, Trounce Records; volunteer, United States Peace Corps.
- Member: Bay View Neighborhood Association; Democratic Socialists of America; Milwaukee DSA; Citizen Action; Working Families Party; Leaders Igniting Transformation (board member); ACLU of Wisconsin; Voces De La Frontera; Main Street Alliance; Progressive Restaurants and Activists of Wisconsin Network (PRAWN); Restaurants Advancing Industry Standards in Employment (RAISE); Democratic Party of Wisconsin (delegate).
- Former member: Peace Action of Wisconsin (board member).
- Recipient: Shepherd Express Best of Milwaukee: Milwaukee County Supervisor 2021, 2020, 2022.
- Elected to Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, District 4, 2020–present; Assembly 2022.



Rep. Christine Sinicki – D

District 20

- Born Milwaukee, Wisconsin, March 28, 1960; married; 2 children.
- Graduate Bay View High School; Bowhay Institute Fellow, La Follette School, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2001; Flemming Fellow, Center for Policy Alternatives, 2003.
- Former small business manager.
- Member: Legislative Democrats Labor Workgroup (founder, cochair 2021–22); Respite Care Association of Wisconsin (board member); Bay View Historical Society; Bay View Neighborhood Association; American Council of Young Political Leaders (delegate to Israel and Palestine, 2001); Major, Wisconsin Wing, Civil Air Patrol Legislative Squadron (official Auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force).
- Former member: Heroes for Healthcare, 2021–23; State Committee to Celebrate the Centennial Anniversary of Wisconsin’s Ratification, 2019; Delegate to U.S. President Electoral College, 2000; State Minimum Wage Council (governor’s appointee), 2005; Assembly Democratic Task Force on Working Families (chair), 2003; State Assembly Milwaukee Caucus (chair 2005, 2003); Milwaukee Committee on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault; Milwaukee City Council Parents and Teachers Association.
- Recipient: Wisconsin Environmental Decade Clean 16 2000; Wisconsin Ob/Gyn Physicians Legislator of the Year 2000; Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence DV Diva 2003; Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs Certificates of Commendation 2006, 2005; Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters Conservation Champion 2022, 2019, 2017, 2015, 2013, 2011, 2009, 2007; Wisconsin Women’s Alliance Legislation Award 2009–10; Professional Firefighters of Wisconsin Legislator of the Year 2010; Wisconsin Grocers Association Friend of Grocers 2010; Cudahy Veterans’ Service Award 2010; AMVETS State Legislative Advocacy Award 2011; Mothers Against Drunk Driving Legislator of the Year 2018.
- Elected to Milwaukee School Board, 1991–98; Assembly since 1998.
- Leadership positions: Minority Caucus Sergeant at Arms 2019, 2017; Minority Caucus Secretary 2001.



Rep. Jessie Rodriguez – R

District 21

- Born Puerto el Triunfo, El Salvador, July 5, 1977; married.
- Graduate Alexander Hamilton High School (Milwaukee), 1996; B.A. Marquette University, 2002.
- Full-time legislator. Former analyst for a supermarket company; outreach coordinator for a non-profit.
- Elected to Assembly in November 2013 special election. Reelected since 2014.
- Leadership positions: Majority Caucus Secretary 2019, 2017, 2015.