



COMMUNITY ALERT

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February 9-April 15

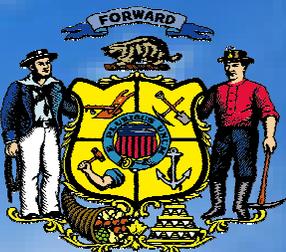
Celebrate the Girl Scouts! See Vintage Uniforms, Memorabilia, and Films.

Wisconsin Museum of Quilts and Fiber Arts.
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Dear Friend,

Thank you for reading the legislative update. I hope you find the information provided here useful.

As Always I'm Here to Serve!



Senate Fails to Lead on Redistricting



Last week, federal courts had ordered the State Legislature to redraw the maps for the 8th and 9th Assembly Districts of Wisconsin. These two Districts were ruled as having disadvantaged and disenfranchised the Latino community by a unanimous panel of three federal judges. However, the Republican leadership refused to reconvene the Senate, asking that the courts re-

draw the maps for them. In response, the three judges have agreed to take on the Legislature's duties and choose suitable replacements. I find myself greatly disappointed with my colleagues from across the aisle. The Republican leadership created the problem when they first paid a private firm \$400,000 to draw the unfair Districts. Now, they have refused to take responsibility by helping solve a crisis in the very fabric of democracy. I believe that the Wisconsin Legislature should have reconvened to work towards a fair and just redistricting compromise. Our lack of action has shown neglect for our responsibilities as public servants to the citizens of Wisconsin. Moving forward, let us not fail again.

Recalls Ordered, Judges Call May/June Election



The judges that serve on the Government Accountability Board have certified the recall elections of Governor Walker, Lt. Gov Kleefisch, and Senators Van Wanggaard, Terry Moulton, Scott Fitzgerald, and the vacant seat formerly held by Pam Galloway. Very few signatures, only about 31,000, were not counted in the final recall count as certified by the judges. This points out that fraud, as we have heard so much from the Republic Party, has not been rampant. The people have of Wisconsin have acted in one of the greatest petition drives in the history of the state and nation. Recall elections have been ordered for May 8 and June 5. If there are no primaries for a Senate seat then the general election will be on May 8. Obviously there is going to be a Democratic primary for the Governor's and Lt. Governor's recall so those seats will be elected on June 5th. Exercise your right to vote this year!



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Governor Walker Strikes at Tenant Rights

My constituents who rent their homes should be aware that your rights have recently been limited by Governor Walker and his allies in the Legislature. Renters now must notify their landlords of any issues or problems, in writing, before notifying authorities. Additionally, landlords may now dispose of tenant property left behind after a move as they see fit. Most notably, the new law prohibits any community or county from limiting or blocking evictions of tenants. I voted against this bill in the Senate. More local control should be allowed in renter's rights in order to protect against the worst excesses of irresponsible landlords. Unfortunately, the bill was signed by Governor Walker last week. For more information on how this law effects you, please visit tenentresourcecenter.org. Know your rights!

Please Make Time to Vote



April 3 will be an important day for democracy in Wisconsin as Milwaukeeans will be called upon to vote for candidates seeking various city and county-wide elected positions. Most prominently, Mayor Tom Barrett is up for re-election against challenger Edward McDonald. Additionally, Scott Manske and Kristie Bunting are both running for Milwaukee County Comptroller. The Republican primary will also be open, so anyone may vote. Keep in mind that Voter ID legislation will not be in effect as a result of court injunction, and that it will be unlawful for anyone to demand a state-issued ID to vote. To find your polling place, please visit vpa.wi.gov.

Contact Us! We Always Enjoy Hearing From You!

“As we express our gratitude, we must not forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.”
- John F. Kennedy



“Everything we do should be the result of our gratitude for what God has done for us.”
- Lauryn Hill