

1. In what ways are you currently active in your district and the community at large? I volunteer as the Vice President of the Meadow View SCO (like a PTA), I am on the Parent Leadership Council in Sun Prairie, I sat on the Sun Prairie School District Anti-Bullying Task Force and am currently on the Sun Prairie School District Boundaries and Bell Times Task Force. I was a Key Communicator for the School Board, volunteer for the Alanna Rose Foundation and am a member of Free Mom Hugs.

2. What are your top three priorities overall and with respect to the County's \$106M in local aid from the federal American Rescue Plan Act? First and foremost, we need to help our residents who will be facing eviction when the moratorium is lifted. Whether this means paying off balances, providing moving and down payment assistance or support for temporary housing solutions, many of our residents are going to be in the need of immediate assistance. Second, we need to direct funds to public education. Schools need to reopen but be financially supported so that teachers and students can return safely. Ventilation systems need to be repaired or replaced, class sizes need to be smaller and more support staff hired. Finally, we need to expand BadgerCare. This would give health care to thousands while reducing the state share of Medicare costs by over 1 billion dollars in the next 2 years, which could be used for other programs.

3. Dane County has some of the worst disparities in incarceration for Black people in the U.S. (almost 50% of the people in Dane County jail are Black, but only 5% of the Dane County general population is Black). The Wisconsin State Journal recently reported that County Executive Parisi is rethinking the new jail plan because the cost is *again* expected to be substantially higher than the \$145M (\$225M with interest) budgeted. (In 2019, the cost doubled from \$76M to \$148M with adoption of the South Tower plan). The Dane County jail population was drastically reduced during the pandemic and the County has launched new community-based behavioral health initiatives with the goal of diverting people from jail and providing treatment alternatives. Do you support "rethinking" the jail project to reduce its cost and size? Would you support efforts to expand investments in supportive and affordable housing and behavioral health care in the community? How would you deal with pressure from supporters of the current (South Tower) jail plan? I do not support the "rethinking" of the jail project. This project has been a can kicked down the road for too long. The cost continues to rise because building material prices continue to rise. The Dane County jail has been in dire need of replacing for well over a decade now. With politicians refusing to approve the budget for the jail, the can is just kicked further and further down the road. The population of the jail was drastically reduced due to the court system coming to a complete halt and sentencings postponed. These sentencings are now all going through the court system and we will have a surge of people in our custody who deserve a safe environment. The jail is outdated, not in compliance with structural codes and has no room to provide on-site physical and mental health services. The people in our custody are at the lowest points in their lives. We should not be playing politics with their lives. I have spoken with Sheriff Barrett and believe he deserves support for the new jail as well as the initiatives he wants to propose to help restorative justice.

4. The County, along with the City of Madison and the Air National Guard (ANG), is a responsible party for PFAS contamination caused by the use of firefighting foam at the airport and have been ordered by the DNR to address the contamination. The ANG is moving forward with construction of the F-35A simulator building at the airport this summer, which will involve moving PFAS contaminated soil, even though it has barely begun the Remedial Investigation process and the PFAS plume has not yet been delineated. The Air Force's own Environmental Impact Statement admitted that the F-35 beddown will have a disproportionate adverse impact on low income communities, people of color, and children. Are you willing to speak out in opposition to the F35A beddown? Do you support the County using whatever powers it has to protect and remediate our water and soil from further contamination and protect residents from harmful jet noise? I am the wife of an Air Force veteran. I know men and women who fly and maintain the F-35. The F-35 has been a blunder from its very conception. The project has run BILLIONS over budget, it is unable to meet its mission capable rate and it costs \$36,000/hour to operate

as opposed to the F-16, which costs \$8,000/hour. We should not support the construction of the F-35A simulator building and should protest the continued use of the F-35 all together.

5. The County has made modest investments in affordable housing and homeless services, but we still have an affordable housing gap of over 10,000 units for extremely low-income people (at or below 30% area median income) and some of the worst racial disparities in housing insecurity and homelessness.

What would you do to address this? I believe the county needs to work together with the cities to combat this issue. High rise apartment buildings are being built at a breakneck pace, yet these apartments generally range in the \$1500-\$2500 price range. Middle class families cannot afford this steep of rent, let alone low-income families. We need to start working with the developers to modify materials used in the housing to help bring down cost. We need to investigate the possibility of capping the amount a rent can be raised with each re-signing of a lease. We also need to strive to support the passage of a minimum wage that does not automatically put someone under the poverty line. Finally, we have a place to go that is safe, clean and appropriately staffed.

6. Progressive Dane promotes active public participation in open and inclusive government. The County has been criticized for its lack of transparency in decision-making. How would you engage the residents of your district on County issues and what practices should the County Board follow to encourage and honor public input? Covid-19 has shown us that power of virtual meetings. I believe that county meetings should have both an in-person and virtual option. By providing both in-person and virtual options, this would allow people who are unable to travel, have health issues or other obstacles that prohibit attending a meeting an option to be engaged in the meetings and have their voice heard.

7. How will the most marginalized residents' voices and needs factor into how you decide to ultimately vote on a difficult or contentious issue? In my years of public service to Sun Prairie, I have always been forefront on asking "how do we get ALL opinions?" In Sun Prairie, we have a diverse racial makeup. I hope to open lines of communication with the leaders in the African-American, Hmong, Hispanic, Indian, Asian, etc demographics so that all my constituents will feel free to contact me with any and all opinions. When elected, I plan to hold quarterly events where all residents may attend to have their voices heard. These voices will help shape my vote.

8. From your perspective, what specifically can the Dane County Board do to successfully reduce the severe racial inequities that currently exist in Dane County? Communicate, communicate, communicate. Go door to door and ask questions. Hold events in our urban areas where questions and concerns can be freely voiced. Seek out our marginalized residents and find out what they need from the Board. Go into homeless shelters, schools, mental health facilities, detention centers and more to see first-hand how severe our racial inequities are and talk to the employees & patrons of those facilities to get their opinions on what needs to be done.

9. Have you carefully read the Progressive Dane County Platform and do you have any questions or concerns with it? Yes (Number 3 – "justice" is misspelled) Transportation – has ProDane considered promoting the use of electric fleet, transportation and fire and rescue vehicles in its platform? Also, maternal/fetal health is not addressed in any area except breastfeeding for incarcerated women. Madison hosted its first ever Black Maternal and Child Health this past year and I believe ProDane could help to overcome the racial inequalities in care for African-American mothers.

10. Why are you interested in the Progressive Dane endorsement? While this election is nonpartisan, I stand on the side of Progressives. This journey has introduced me to many dedicated people who truly want to make a positive impact for the less fortunate. I believe that by receiving an endorsement from Progressive Dane, I would be adding a layer of accountability to my actions and decisions in terms of always fighting for the minority. I would be honored to add Progressive Dane to my list of endorsements so that voters understand that I will always fight for what is right and have people behind me who will support my efforts.