Wisconsin Candidates Face Partisan Primary

On August 9th, Wisconsin voters took to the polls to cast their ballots in the partisan primary elections. Traditionally a quieter election day, many key districts turned out to support their high profile candidates, including Sen. Ron Johnson, Former Sen. Russ Feingold, and Congressman Paul Ryan. The following are results from a number of closely watched primary races across the state:

Congressional Races:

- **1st Congressional District** - In a primary contest followed nationally, Republican incumbent Paul Ryan, Speaker of the U.S. House, easily defeated Paul Nehlen, 84%-16%, in the GOP primary contest.

- **8th Congressional District** - In the GOP primary for the open congressional seat vacated by Rep. Reid Ribble (R), Mike Gallagher came out on top with 74% of the vote. The military veteran and national security expert beat out State Sen. Frank Lasee and Terry McNulty for the chance to face Outagamie County Exec Tom Nelson (D) in the November general election.

State Senate Races:
4th Senate District (Milwaukee) - In a race many thought she could lose, Incumbent Lena Taylor handily defeated State Rep. Mandela Barnes (D), 61%-39%, in the DEM primary.

18th Senate District - In the GOP primary for the open state senate seat vacated by State Sen. Rick Gudex (R), Dan Feyen captured 56% of the vote to beat Mark Elliott for the right to square off against Winnebago County Exec Mark Harris (D) in the general election.

State Assembly Races:

9th Assembly District (Milwaukee) - Longtime Democratic incumbent Josh Zepnick (D) survived the evening, squeaking by his DEM primary opponent with 53% of the vote.

11th Assembly District (Milwaukee) - Jason Fields, a former state representative, appears to be headed back to the Assembly in Nov., after winning his DEM primary race.

Local Races:

Milwaukee County District Attorney - Incumbent John Chisholm held of his primary opponent, Verona Swanigan, with 65% of the vote.

With the primary over, candidates are now setting their sights on the general election and preparing for the difficult road ahead. This year’s elections are forecasted to be unpredictable as the controversial presidential candidates lead the top of the ballot, causing concern for candidates on the local level. Stay tuned to the HC Report as the campaign continues for more updates on candidates and the election.

For a complete update of yesterday's results, please visit the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel primary election page

click here to see the story on the Hoven Consulting website.

August 2016 Marquette Poll: Trump Trails Clinton by 15 Points
Last Thursday, the Marquette Law School released their August poll showing Trump trailing Clinton by 15 points among likely voters. Trump is only supported by 37% of those polled compared to 41% in July’s poll. The drop in support coincides with a difficult month for the first time nominee who experienced bad press following controversial statements.

The poll continued to fair well for Clinton when voters were asked how they viewed the Democratic candidate. 43% of voters said they had a favorable view of her while 53% said they viewed her in an unfavorable light. Last month, only 36% of voters viewed her in favorable light while 58% have an unfavorable view. Trump, on the other hand, continues to fall with only 27% of voters viewing him favorably.

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Gov. Walker Appoints New Secretary of the Department of Health Services

On Thursday, Aug. 4, Gov. Scott Walker appointed Linda Seemeyer as the state’s new secretary of the Department of Health Services.

Seemeyer has many years of experience working in local and state government, including serving as director of the Walworth County Department of Health and Human Services from 2007 to 2015. She has also served as the director of the Milwaukee County Department of Administrative Services and...
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