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Arvina Martin Announces Candidacy for First Vice Chair of the Democratic Party of Wisconsin

Madison, WI — Arvina Martin, former Madison Alderwoman, respected leader in the Ho-Chunk Nation, and Executive Director of Emerge Wisconsin, has announced her candidacy for First Vice Chair of the Democratic Party of Wisconsin. She joins the WisDems Forward ticket alongside Glendale Mayor Bryan Kennedy (Chair) and College Democrat Landiran Kern (Second Vice Chair), presenting a diverse and dynamic team committed to growing and strengthening the party statewide.

Martin, a current member of the Democratic National Committee, brings a wealth of experience in grassroots organizing, candidate training, and leadership development. At Emerge Wisconsin, she has helped recruit, train, and elevate Democratic women across the state to run for office and lead in their communities.

“I’m running for First Vice Chair to ensure that the Democratic Party of Wisconsin truly reflects the diversity of our state and listens to every voice — especially women and communities of color,” said Martin. “Our party must do more than talk about inclusion — we have to live it in our structure, strategy, and leadership. That’s what I’m committed to doing.”

Martin’s candidacy adds a unique and essential perspective to the state party leadership. As the first Native American person elected to the Madison Common Council and a long-standing advocate for Native rights and representation, Martin has consistently worked to ensure marginalized communities are heard and empowered within the political process.

“Arvina’s experience, vision, and passion for lifting others up make her an outstanding choice for First Vice Chair,” said Bryan Kennedy. “She’s a proven leader who will make sure our party grows from the ground up — more diverse, more energized, and more connected.”

The WisDems Forward ticket will be on the ballot at the Democratic Party of Wisconsin State Convention, taking place June 14-15, 2025, in Wisconsin Dells.

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