



Listen to Wisconsin Officially Launches Wisconsin “Uninstructed” Campaign for April 2 Democratic Presidential Primary

Community leaders, electeds, and young voters gathered across from Milwaukee City Hall to announce a broad coalition endorsing Wisconsin Uninstructed and demands to hold the White House accountable and end the genocide in Gaza.

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Tuesday, March 19, 2024 — Milwaukee, Wisconsin — Today, outside of Milwaukee City Hall, the grassroots group [Listen to Wisconsin](https://www.listentowisconsin.com) officially launched their Wisconsin Uninstructed campaign on the first day of early voting in the state primary elections.

The Wisconsin Uninstructed campaign represents a multi-faith, multi-racial and multi-generational coalition of voters that aims to use the April 2nd Democratic Presidential Primary to fill in the bubble for “uninstructed delegation” in opposition to the White House’s support of Israel’s war in Gaza.

Listen to Wisconsin aims to harness voters’ overwhelming support for a ceasefire and an end to the ongoing genocide of over 31,000 Palestinians in Gaza, aided and abetted by the current administration. With the aim of 20,000 votes for “Uninstructed” by April 2nd, the Listen to Wisconsin team said they will show that Palestine is a determinative issue for a crucial margin of voters, and that state-wide victory in Wisconsin depends on drastic change in US policy on Gaza. Uninstructed voters with this campaign are demanding immediate action from the White House to end the violence, siege and military aid to Israel while restoring full humanitarian aid and aid to UNRWA.

Several elected leaders have readily lent their support to the Wisconsin Uninstructed effort.

“The truth is, many of my constituents have felt appalled and betrayed by our government and the Democratic Party on the issue of Gaza. For most Americans, a permanent ceasefire now is an uncontroversial demand and is a matter of humanity. Additionally, ending military aid to Israel is required by law through the Foreign Assistance Act as Israel continues to impede vital aid shipments, including our own, to a starving population in Gaza that has lost over 30,000 people,



primarily women and children,” said Wisconsin State Representative Francesa Hong. “We as electeds have an obligation to listen to voters, not the other way around. I support voters’ efforts to make their policy demands on Gaza heard by voting Uninstructed in the Democratic Presidential Primary. As a proud American who celebrates our democracy, I stand behind Wisconsinites who want to use the democratic process to protest this ongoing genocide.”

“As an activist and organizer for most of my life, I’ve been to Gaza and seen firsthand the horrors that our government is actively responsible for,” said Milwaukee County Supervisor and State Representative Ryan Clancy. “I have fought for communities across Wisconsin, and the Palestinian community in Milwaukee is not alone in their grief and horror at the death toll in Gaza. We need a permanent ceasefire now as the best and only way towards an active peace and a free Palestine. That’s why I support the uninstructed campaign for this Democratic primary. We need to hear residents out. Milwaukeeans will not remain silent in the face of an ongoing genocide in our name.”

The campaign has just two weeks until election day, but discussed ambitious plans to reach thousands of voters through “friend banking” and community groups, through phone-banking and mass mailers, and through individually-organized events for canvassing and flyering. In addition to electeds and spokespeople for Listen to Wisconsin, Michigan, and Minnesota, speakers from Jewish Voice for Peace-Action, the Wisconsin Muslim Civic Alliance, Voces de la Frontera, Black Leaders Organizing Communities, and community or religious leaders affiliated with local Palestinian and Muslim nonprofits showed a united and coordinated front in opposition to the White House’s complicity the Gaza genocide.

Heba Mohammad, a spokesperson for the campaign, was the 2020 Wisconsin Digital Organizing Director who helped secure Biden’s election victory in the vital swing state. In remarks on the National Uncommitted Movement launch on Monday, March 18th, she said, “Wisconsin is not only important for electoral reasons—our state represents the heartbeat of the country. As people of conscience, and pro-democracy, pro-peace, pro-justice voters, we’re going to use the primary to call for an end to the genocide now. We cannot bypass this opportunity.”

Listen to Wisconsin’s line-up of speakers repeatedly invoked democracy, peace, justice, and “accountability” to describe the campaign’s mission over the next two weeks leading up to April 2nd. With the launch of the National Uncommitted Movement yesterday, Wisconsin will also have the support of leaders from Listen to Michigan and other states in channeling grassroots efforts into primary votes as a vital way to call for an immediate and lasting ceasefire.

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