

G. Spencer Coggs

for State Senate

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Coggs Announces Run for State Senate in Recall *Seeks a return to trust, integrity, and service*

Milwaukee – Representative Spencer Coggs today announced that he would be running as a candidate in the upcoming recall election in the Sixth State Senate District. The State Elections Board certified the recall election last week. Coggs says he looks forward to presenting a new, positive vision for the constituents of this northside neighborhood in the City of Milwaukee.

“The people of the Sixth Senate District deserve the best representation possible in our state government. It is time they get what they deserve,” Coggs stated.

Coggs has served in the State Assembly since 1983, representing one of the three Assembly districts within the Sixth Senate District. A member of the Legislature’s powerful Joint Committee on Finance, Coggs has worked diligently to benefit his hometown of Milwaukee. During the current budget, he used his influence to ensure that cuts in shared revenue for Milwaukee were minimized as much as possible. While Republicans attempted to cut nearly \$24 million in funds for the city that go to support essential services such as police and fire protection, Coggs worked extensively with the Governor to limit those cuts to just \$9 million.

To that, Coggs stated, “While there was a midnight deal that was cut between Republicans and a Milwaukee legislator to benefit a small number of citizens, I chose to fight the good fight to help *all* citizens of Milwaukee....and succeeded.”

In addition to his work for Milwaukee, Coggs currently has a proposal before the Legislature that would reduce the cost of prescription drugs for more senior citizens, and

1.1 million uninsured working men and women. Coggs' initiative, Assembly Bill 355 is also known as the Fair Market Prescription Drug bill.

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Coggs has also worked aggressively to bring job opportunities to the minority community in southeastern Wisconsin. Coggs was the sponsor of the amendment that brought unprecedented minority participation to the Miller Park project. During construction of Miller Park, Coggs was the most out-spoken member of the committee that guaranteed more than \$100 million to minority owned construction firms and created a record shattering number of jobs for people of color. Most recently, Coggs served as Co-Chair of the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Committee for the rebuilding of the Marquette Interchange. The committee set goals that will benefit minority contractors and employees that will exceed those goals that were set for the Miller Park project.

"I have always worked to provide the maximum number of opportunities for working men and women, especially people of color," expressed Coggs.

Coggs pledges to serve the citizens of the Sixth Senate District with the same honesty and integrity that reflects his legislative record. His first priority has always been to serve the needs of his constituents.

On July 9, the State Elections Board voted to certify nearly 8750 signatures from voters who believe Senator Gary George no longer provides adequate representation for them. On Tuesday, August 19, a Recall Election will be held whereby citizens will once again have a chance to send George the clear message that his time in the State Senate is over.

Coggs declared, "Senator George has been in office for over 20 years, but my fellow citizens of the Sixth Senate District have recently proclaimed that it is time for a change and he should be recalled. I feel I am the most qualified and most experienced candidate to represent the citizens of the Sixth Senate District."

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