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# **MEET TRICIA**

Tricia Zunker is running for Congress to be a voice for the people of northwest Wisconsin – people like the family farmers and working people she comes from, with roots in the Wausau area going back generations.

The first in her family to graduate from college, Tricia went on to law school and became a practicing attorney and law professor. In 2013, she was elected by her People, the Ho-Chunk Nation, to serve as Associate Justice of the Ho-Chunk Supreme Court. She was re-elected to that position in 2017. In 2018, Tricia was elected to the Wausau School Board and currently serves as board president. On the school board, she works hard to ensure that all children receive a good education, regardless of background, economic status, or family circumstances. She is also an advocate for policies that improve staff morale and treat teachers like the professionals they are.

From her office in Wausau, Tricia teaches remotely as a professor at three institutions. Tricia spends her free time with her son exploring train museums (his passion), listening to live music, or simply relaxing at home in Wausau with their rescue pup, Diesel.

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# Why Tricia Wins



Flipping Wisconsin's 7<sup>th</sup> congressional district blue now is the first step in turning Wisconsin blue in November.

- Obama won WI-07 with 13% of the vote in 2008. Six counties are critical pivot counties that twice voted for Obama before voting Trump.
- **Democratic Congressman Dave Obey represented WI-07 for 42 years** before his retirement. He has endorsed Tricia Zunker as the best candidate to carry on his legacy of advocating for workers' rights and affordable healthcare

## **Democrats Perform In Wisconsin Special Elections**

Democrats have a track record of turning out in special elections in Wisconsin. In the January 2018 special election for Senate District 10, large parts of which are in WI-07, Democrat Patty Schachtner won with 54.6% of the vote, a **27% margin swing from Trump to a Democrat**.

"Wausau's Tricia Zunker Aims To Be Wisconsin's First Native American Congresswoman. A Wausau elected official wants to be the first Native American congressional candidate from Wisconsin in nearly three decades — and the state's first-ever Native American member of Congress."— WPR, October, 2019



WISCONSIN PUBLIC RADIO

"Tricia Zunker wins Democratic primary for 7th Congressional District. Tricia Zunker has overwhelmingly defeated challenger... to represent the Democratic party in the race for the 7th Congressional District."





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### A SWING DISTRICT IN A CRITICAL STATE

WI-07 is a swing district in one of the most critical states in deciding the presidency. The Associated Press called this race a "**test run for presidential race in 2020**" and political commentators have said this race "**could decide the 2020 presidential election**."

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### A RECORD OF OVER-PERFORMING IN SPECIAL ELECTIONS

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In the June 2018 special election for Wisconsin's Senate District 1, Democrat Caleb Frostman defeated his Republican challenger, a **21% margin swing** that was touted as a **"special election upset in Wisconsin district Trump won big."** 

### BACKED BY KEY GROUPS ADVOCATING FOR WISCONSINITES

After serving in elected office as a Ho-Chunk Supreme Court Associate Justice and as school board president, Tricia has proven she's a leader who can bring people together to advocate for change. That's why she's been endorsed by the Wisconsin AFL-CIO, the NEA, former Congressman Dave Obey, the Sierra Club, and numerous local labor unions and elected officials.

**Wisconsin AFL-CIO:** "Zunker has the experience needed to bring people together to focus on creating good, union jobs and economic opportunity for this generation and the next."

**Former Congressman Dave Obey:** "In these challenging times, we need an intelligent and dedicated leader in Congress to represent the people of Wisconsin. Tricia Zunker is that leader."

#### ABOUT WISCONSIN'S 7th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Population: 710,420

Gender:

50.4% Male 49.6% Female

Race:

White: 93.9% Asian: 1.4% Native American: 2.1%

Unemployment: 3%

Median Household Income: \$57,200 HS Graduation Rate: 92% College Graduation Rate: 23.6%

PVI: R + 7

