

Post-Primary Gratitude and a Look Ahead

By Micah Lasher

With the dust settled on the recent primary for State Assembly, I wanted to express my deep gratitude for the tireless effort put in by the members of Three Parks Independent Democrats, over many months, which was so crucial to our victory.

I have always thought of the Three Parks endorsement as the Iowa Caucus of the West Side. Three Parks members are fiercely independent, and true activists, so candidates know how important it is to work hard to earn your support. The night that Three Parks voted to endorse me was one of the high points of my campaign.

And then the hard work began — but you made it so much fun! It was a true pleasure being out in the neighborhood with you, from the start of petitioning (especially the extraordinary Mary Ann Marks!) to the end of Primary Day — even when it was incredibly cold, pouring rain (the one plus of scaffolding!), or stiflingly hot. Three Parks members are indefatigable! You are also wonderful friends, and it always lifted my spirits to be with you.

The resounding results demonstrated that there is nothing that can replace the power of truly local activism and support. Three Parks epitomizes that kind of activism.

I've been spending time since the primary mostly catching up on life, and Elizabeth and I will be taking some vacation in August (a bit with the kids, and a bit without!). Starting after Labor Day, I will begin in earnest planning for the work ahead — fleshing out both legislative and local priorities — and, of course, doing everything I can to make Kamala Harris the next President of the United States, keep Chuck Schumer the Senate Majority Leader, and get Hakeem Jeffries the Speaker's gavel. I look forward to being in partnership and solidarity with you on all of these efforts, and for many, many years to come.