

JAY SCHROEDER

Jay Schroeder is the Republican candidate for Wisconsin Secretary of State in 2026, running on a platform of dismantling the Wisconsin Elections Commission. Schroeder has run for SOS four other times. Schroeder ran for the position in 2022 on a similar platform of shifting election oversight to the SOS from the WEC, losing in the primary. In 2018, Schroeder ran on the platform of eliminating the SOS position entirely, losing in the general election. In 2014, he also briefly ran on the platform of eliminating the position, before dropping out to seek an open state Assembly seat. Schroeder unsuccessfully ran for the state's 55th Assembly District seat in 2012, 2014, and 2020. He also made an unsuccessful bid to represent the 56th Assembly District in 2010. In the 1980s, Schroeder served on the Menomonie City Council while a student at UW-Stout. Additionally, he has served as Town of Menasha Supervisor and the finance chair for the Winnebago County Republicans. Schroeder has worked as a real estate investor, stock investor, and mortgage loan officer. He is married with children.

Key Findings:

Schroeder is a self-proclaimed “MAGA activist” and “MAGA aligned candidate on election integrity” who led a recall attempt against Assembly Speaker Robin Vos who was targeted by Trump for refusing to undo the results of the 2020 election. Schroeder declared himself to be an “authentic MAGA activist” and a “MAGA aligned candidate on election integrity.” Schroeder is a long-time supporter of Trump. On Facebook, Schroeder said he went to Mar-a-Lago twice in 2022, including an event with Trump and other SOS candidates, such as Mark Finchem. He attended Trump's 2016 rally in Appleton, WI. He is on the record defending Trump's debate performance against Hillary Clinton. In 2024, Schroeder was the director of a campaign to recall Wisconsin Assembly Speaker Robin Vos. Vos had been targeted by Trump after reportedly refusing to entertain the illegal idea of undoing the results of Trump's loss in 2020. Schroeder cited Vos's refusal to aggressively pursue impeaching Meagan Wolfe, Wisconsin's top election official, as a primary motivation for the recall campaign. While leading the effort, Schroeder said “the whole system has been putting doubt in people's mind.”

Schroeder has denied the results of the 2020 presidential election. In a 2021 interview, Schroeder said “there is lots of reasonable doubt” as to whether Biden won the 2020 election. Schroeder said he didn't believe Biden won Wisconsin, saying “we need to investigate to see if he won.” Additionally, in 2021, Schroeder called for “the electors of Wisconsin for the 2020 Presidential election to be rescinded” in a press release that described certain voter registration statistics as a “RED FLAG for phantom voters,” a term election deniers use for allegations that identities of dead people are used to cast votes. Schroeder said he would not have signed off on the electors had he been elected in 2018. In 2022, Schroeder made several posts on Facebook alleging voter fraud in the 2020 election, including references to “2000 Mules,” a debunked conspiracy film that claimed Democrats conspired to steal the 2020 election.

Schroeder touted a Wisconsin version of Trump's SAVE Act. In 2026, Schroeder said “We need paper ballots, same-day voting, to eliminate the Wisconsin Elections Commission, and to adopt a Save Wisconsin Act proof of citizenship and photo ID.” On Facebook, he posted “86% of the public support the Save America Act We are the ‘Save Wisconsin’ movement and we will succeed.” According to a profile published by Gateway Pundit, “Jay wants the SAVE America Act passed. He wants the dead people taken off the voter rolls. And, he wants to reign in rigged vote-by-mail schemes which skirt voter ID laws.”

Schroeder called for the dismantling of the Wisconsin Elections Commission. Schroeder has focused his campaign message heavily on election administration. Throughout the 2026 and 2022 election cycles, Schroeder has campaigned on eliminating the bipartisan Wisconsin Elections Commission, which was [established](#) by the Republican legislature in 2016. In 2026, Schroeder has run his campaign on a platform of making the role of secretary of state the chief election official instead of the Wisconsin Elections Commission, calling the commission “corrupt.” On his campaign website, Schroeder calls for “Moving the role of Chief Election Official back to the Secretary of State” and “Removing the ‘bureaucratic shield’ of the WEC to ensure that election officials are accountable to the people, not political appointees.” In 2022, Schroeder also advocated for stripping election oversight power from the bipartisan Wisconsin Elections Commission and giving it back to the secretary of state, which controlled elections until a decade prior. In his 2022 campaign announcement, he called for the secretary of state to oversee elections, saying: “the days of rigging elections for fraud are over.” Schroeder said bureaucrats on the Wisconsin Elections Commission allowed illegal drop boxes for voting, they kept over 600,000 deceased residents' names on the voter lists and they avoided using voting deputies in skilled nursing facilities. On Facebook, he posted “Unlike my primary opponent, I want the Wisconsin Election Commission fired and it dissolved. Enough fraud and deceit with the current system.”

Schroeder previously ran for Secretary of State on the platform of eliminating the position altogether. According to the Associated Press, Schroeder ran for secretary of state in 2018 and 2014 on the platform to eliminate the position. In 2018, he promised to reduce the secretary of state office's funding to reflect its diminished status and push for a referendum to either make the office officially a ceremonial post or restore the position's powers. Similarly, Schroeder said he voted to eliminate the Wisconsin state treasurer position in a statewide referendum, which ultimately failed.

Schroeder is a right-wing ideologue, taking extreme positions on abortion, gay marriage, and more. In a 2018 candidate questionnaire, Schroeder said abortion should not be allowed in any circumstances. He indicated that he strongly agreed with the statement “Human life begins at conception and deserves legal protection at every stage until natural death.” In the same questionnaire, Schroeder indicated that he strongly agreed that governments should define marriage as between one man and one woman. He reiterated that stance in a 2022 version of the questionnaire. Schroeder strongly disagreed with the statement “more restrictive gun control is needed to protect public safety.” In the 2022 questionnaire, Schroeder said he strongly disagreed with allowing victims of gun violence to sue firearm dealers and manufacturers. In a 2014 candidate questionnaire, Schroeder said he agreed with the statement “where minor children are involved, divorce laws should be reformed to include mutual consent of both parents and an increased waiting period, unless there is fault or abuse.” In the 2022 questionnaire, Schroeder said racism was not a threat to domestic security, arguing that Barack Obama and Clarence Thomas were evidence that the country has “moved beyond that.” In a separate question, he indicated that he believed police officers should be personally immune from prosecution for conduct consistent with departmental policy (qualified immunity) while on duty.

BACKGROUND

Career

As of 2018, Schroeder was a mortgage loan officer. “Schroeder, 56, is a mortgage loan officer in Neenah who earned his associate's degree from Fox Valley Technical College and a business administration degree from the University of Wisconsin-Stout.” [The Reporter, 7/29/18]

As of 2018, Schroeder identified as a rental property owner and stock investor. “Job: Rental property owner, stock investor” [Chippewa Herald, 8/10/18]

As of 2018, Schroeder owned a small business specializing in real estate and stock market investing. “La Follette has held the office since 1983 and served a four-year term in the 1970s. Schroeder is a licensed mortgage loan officer and owns a small business specializing in real estate and stock market investing.” [Green Bay Press-Gazette, 11/4/18]

- **2022: Schroeder was a real estate investor who reportedly owned a mortgage company for 15 years.** “Jay Schroeder, 60, is a real estate investor and he owned a home mortgage company for 15 years.” [Beloit Daily News, 8/4/22]

Schroeder served two terms on the Menomonie City Council after being elected while attending college at UW-Stout. “Prior elected office: Menomonie City Council, two terms, first student ever elected while attending college at UW-Stout. Town of Menasha supervisor.” [Chippewa Herald, 8/10/18]

- **Schroeder served on the Menomonie Common Council for four years in the 1980s.** “Years in the state: 56Elected and appointed experience: Served four years on the city of Menomonie Common Council while a student at the University of WisconsinStout in the 1980s” [Freeman, 10/30/18]

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Schroeder was the Winnebago County Republican finance chair. “Other public service: Winnebago County Republican finance chairman. Past elected elder of Peace Lutheran Church. Host parent for exchange high school students from Spain, Italy, Portugal and France.” [Chippewa Herald, 8/10/18]

Education

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Personal Life

As of 2018, Schroeder was married with four children. “Jay Schroeder Age: 56 Address: 1295 N. Lake St., Neenah Family: Married, four children” [Chippewa Herald, 8/10/18]

2026: Schroeder described himself as a “devoted husband & father.” “Jay Schroeder is a proud Wisconsin native born and raised in Clintonville. He’s is a devoted husband & father, and accomplished business leader who has spent his political career fighting FOR Election Integrity, Records Transparency and Strengthen our Communities. He believes in keeping American Dream alive for all Wisconsinites.” [jayforwisconsin.com, accessed [9/15/26](#)]

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PHILOSOPHY

Trump

2016: Schroeder said the questions at the first debate between Trump and Clinton was designed to discredit Trump’s qualifications. “Jay Schroeder of Neenah, a mortgage and loan officer, said the debate’s questions were designed to discredit Trump’s qualifications. He said questioning Trump of his previous comments implying President Barack Obama was not born in the U.S. were unfair. ‘The country has 21 trillion in debt — I really don’t care where (Obama) was born,’ said Schroeder, 54. ‘If the economy collapses, that’s what affects you and me — not where (Obama) was born.’” [Daily Jefferson County Union, 9/29/16]

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2016: Schroeder said he doesn't care about the fact that Trump hasn't released his tax returns, reiterating Trump's plan to strengthen the economy is more important to him. "Schroeder also said he doesn't care about the fact that Trump hasn't released his tax returns, reiterating Trump's plan to strengthen the economy is more important to him." [Daily Cardinal, 9/28/16]

Schroeder declared himself to be an "authentic MAGA activist" and a "MAGA aligned candidate on election integrity." "Schroeder declared himself to be an 'authentic MAGA activist' and a 'MAGA aligned candidate on election integrity.' He focused his campaign message heavily on election administration, including eliminating the bipartisan Wisconsin Elections Commission." [Wisconsin Examiner, 8/12/26]

2018: Schroeder attended the Trump rally in Mosinee. "Great chatting with Congressman Duffy at the Trump rally in Mosinee. Lets hope the dems don't take control of congress or Maxine Waters will be chairperson of the financial services committee he sits on. YIKES" [Facebook, [10/25/18](#)]

Schroeder via Facebook: "Some talk about supporting Donald Trump, I actually had him sign my book of his at a rally in Appleton. Before he made America Great again." "Ok, so I could not resist this. Some talk about supporting Donald Trump, I actually had him sign my book of his at a rally in Appleton. Before he made America Great again." [Facebook, [8/1/18](#)]

Schroeder via Facebook: "Please listen to the war room with Steve Bannon at 5 PM he mentions three times that I am the Trump endorsed candidate for Secretary of State" [Facebook, [8/8/22](#)]

Schroeder via Facebook: "I was at Mara Lago twice this year and didn't see any top secret documents laying around on the floor." [Facebook, [9/1/22](#)]

Secretary of State Office

2018: Schroeder hoped to implement term limits for the Secretary of State's office. "In addition, he hopes to implement term limits for the office and require the secretary reapply for those positions at the beginning of a new term." [The Reporter, 7/29/18]

Schroeder proposed moving the Secretary of State's office to Oshkosh or Stevens Point, the "real state of Wisconsin," to reach more people. "To reach more people, Schroeder also suggested moving the office out of the the State Capitol and into the 'real state of Wisconsin,' proposing a move to Oshkosh or Stevens Point." [The Reporter, 7/29/18]

2018: Schroeder said one of his priorities is making the office effective again, so the taxpayers' money is not wasted with the secretary's \$70,000 annual salary. "Schroeder said one of his priorities is making the office effective again, so the taxpayers' money is not wasted with the secretary's \$70,000 annual salary. To do so, he laid out several changes he would pursue if elected, including implementing a two-term limit for the office; moving the office out of the state Capitol into 'the real state of Wisconsin,' such as Stevens Point or Oshkosh; and seeking involvement on the Wisconsin Elections Commission to combat voter fraud and on the Wisconsin Economic Development Corp. to be a conduit between business owners and the state." [Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune, 9/28/18]

2018: Schroeder promised to reduce the secretary of state office's funding to reflect its diminished status and push for a referendum to either make the office officially a ceremonial post or restore the position's powers. “Wisconsin's secretary of state has almost no powers. Schroeder has promised to reduce the office's funding to reflect its diminished status and push for a referendum to either make the office officially a ceremonial post or restore the position's powers.” [AP, 10/22/18]

2018: Schroeder said he “would probably give back a huge amount of (his) paycheck” if the secretary of state’s duties did not increase. “If he gets elected and doesn’t see the office’s duties increase, Schroeder said he ‘would probably give back a huge amount of (his) paycheck.’” [Freeman, 10/30/18]

2022: Schroeder advocated for stripping election oversight power from the bipartisan Wisconsin Elections Commission and giving it back to the secretary of state, which controlled elections until a decade prior. “The secretary of state in Wisconsin, unlike most other states, does not oversee elections. Schroeder is campaigning to change that: He advocates for stripping election oversight power from the bipartisan Wisconsin Elections Commission and giving it back to the secretary of state, which controlled elections until a decade ago.” [Reuters, 9/22/21]

2026: Schroeder said he planned to push to make the secretary of state Wisconsin’s top election official. “If elected, Schroeder said, he plans to push to make the secretary the state's top election official.” [Wisconsin State Journal, 8/12/26]

Schroeder said the secretary of state budget was “ripping off the taxpayers” and vowed to cut and restructure “the corrupt budget to work for the taxpayers.” “SCHROEDER: Ever wonder why your taxes are up? After I audited the secretary of state budget I learned the budget went up 157% and from two employees to six. This budget is ripping off the taxpayers and once elected I will be cutting and restructuring the corrupt budget to work for the taxpayers. I am the consistent, conservative candidate that has been speaking around the state for over 10 years on this issue. I will work with the FBI, DOJ and ICE to clean up elections in Wisconsin. The primary is Aug. 11 and I ask for your vote.” [Washington County Daily News, 8/6/26]

Abortion

2018: In a candidate questionnaire, Schroeder said abortion should not be allowed in any circumstances. “Under what circumstances should abortion be allowed? None My opponent Doug LaFollette wrote a book entitled Wisconsin Survival Handbook which on page 73 states ‘Be sterilized its simple painless and inexpensive’” [2018 iVoter Guide, accessed [9/17/26](#)]

2018: In a candidate questionnaire, Schroeder strongly agreed with the statement “Human life begins at conception and deserves legal protection at every stage until natural death.” “Human life begins at conception and deserves legal protection at every stage until natural death. Strongly Agree” [2018 iVoter Guide, accessed [9/17/26](#)]

2022: In a candidate questionnaire, Schroeder responded to questions about abortion with “Jeremiah 1:5 guides me in the area of life.” “Under what circumstances should abortion be allowed? Jeremiah 1:5 guides me in the area of life.” [2022 iVoter Guide, accessed [9/17/26](#)]

Gun Control

2018: In a candidate questionnaire, Schroeder strongly disagreed with the statement “more restrictive gun control is needed to protect public safety.” “More restrictive gun control is needed to protect public safety. Strongly Disagree” [2018 iVoter Guide, accessed [9/17/26](#)]

LGBTQ

2018: In a candidate questionnaire, Schroeder strongly agreed that governments should define marriage as between one man and one woman. “Governments should define marriage as between one man and one woman; no other definition of marriage should be legalized or supported with taxpayer or public funds. Strongly Agree” [2018 iVoter Guide, accessed [9/17/26](#)]

2022: In a candidate questionnaire, Schroeder strongly agreed that governments should define marriage as between one man and one woman. “Marriage between one man and one woman and the families they form are the foundation of civilization and are fundamental to the well-being and prosperity of Wisconsin. Strongly Agree” [2022 iVoter Guide, accessed [9/17/26](#)]

2022: In a candidate questionnaire, Schroeder said he strongly disagreed with allowing victims of gun violence to sue firearm dealers and manufacturers. “Victims of gun violence should be able to sue firearms dealers and manufacturers. Strongly Disagree” [2022 iVoter Guide, accessed [9/17/26](#)]

COVID-19

2020: Schroeder called for impeaching Gov. Tony Evers for closing businesses through his safer-at-home order in the early weeks of the COVID-19 pandemic. “Schroeder opposed the Neenah school referendum and said he is the only true conservative in the race. He wants to impeach Gov. Tony Evers for closing businesses through his safer-at-home order in the early weeks of the coronavirus pandemic.” [Post Crescent, 7/30/20]

Racism

2022: In a candidate questionnaire, Schroeder said racism was not a threat to domestic security, arguing that Barack Obama and Clarence Thomas were evidence that the country has “moved beyond that.” “Is racism a threat to domestic security in the United States? Why or why not? No We have in the past elected Barack Obama, and Clarence Thomas sits on the Supreme Court. Our country has proved we have moved beyond that. [2022 iVoter Guide, accessed [9/17/26](#)]

Police

2022: In a candidate questionnaire, Schroeder said he strongly agreed with qualified immunity. “Police officers should be personally immune from prosecution for conduct consistent with departmental policy (qualified immunity) while on duty. Strongly Agree” [2022 iVoter Guide, accessed [9/17/26](#)]

Other

2014: In a candidate questionnaire, Schroeder said he agreed with the statement “where minor children are involved, divorce laws should be reformed to include mutual consent of both parents and an increased waiting period, unless there is fault or abuse.” “Where minor children are

involved, divorce laws should be reformed to include mutual consent of both parents and an increased waiting period, unless there is fault or abuse. Agree” [2014 iVoter Guide, accessed [9/17/26](#)]

CAMPAIGNS

2026 Campaign for SOS

Wisconsin Watch: “Republicans skeptical of the 2020 election results have rallied against the WEC in recent years, which may explain Schroeder's appeal among primary voters.” “The party also backed beef farmer and auctioneer Nate Pollnow for secretary of state. He lost to real estate investor Jay Schroeder by more than 20 percentage points. Schroeder said he would make the secretary of state Wisconsin's chief election official and abolish the Wisconsin Elections Commission something that would require legislative action. Republicans skeptical of the 2020 election results have rallied against the WEC in recent years, which may explain Schroeder's appeal among primary voters.” [Madison365, 8/17/26]

2026: Schroeder emphasized his support for Trump’s movement more heavily than his primary opponent. “While both secretary of state candidates aligned with Trump, Schroeder more heavily emphasized his support for Trump's movement.” [Madison365, 8/17/26]

2026: Schroeder called himself the “MAGA-aligned candidate.” “Republican secretary of state primary winner Schroeder calls himself the ‘MAGA-aligned candidate’ and ran his campaign on a platform of making the role of secretary of state the chief election official instead of the Wisconsin Elections Commission, calling the commission ‘corrupt.’” [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, 8/20/26]

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2026: Schroeder was endorsed by Pro-Life Wisconsin Victory Fund and Wisconsin Right to Life. “Jay Schroeder has touted a Wisconsin version of Trump's SAVE Act, which attempts to suppress voting by raising ID requirements to register and vote in elections. His campaign emphasizes making the office the overseer of elections in Wisconsin, removing that power from the Wisconsin Elections Commission which has administered elections since 2016. He has never held political office, coming closest in 2018 when he lost the general election for Secretary of State. Schroeder is endorsed by Pro-Life Wisconsin Victory Fund and Wisconsin Right to Life.” [Badger Herald, 8/10/26]

2024 Recall Effort

2024: Schroeder was the director of the campaign to recall Wisconsin Assembly Speaker Robin Vos. “Snorek told the commission he was launching a recall effort of Vos, in part, because of Vos' past statements promising to work to keep Trump from becoming the GOP presidential nominee in 2024. Trump has targeted Vos since 2020 after the Assembly Speaker repeatedly refused to entertain the illegal idea of undoing the results of Trump's loss in 2020 in Wisconsin to President Joe Biden. Jay Schroeder, a Neenah resident and former candidate for Secretary of State, is the director of the campaign to recall

Vos. He said the move is intended to ‘build confidence in our 2024 elections.’” [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, 1/11/24]

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While leading the effort to recall Vos, Schroeder said “The whole system has been putting doubt in people’s minds.” “‘The whole system has been putting doubt in people’s minds,’ said Schroeder, who pointed to Vos’s refusal to aggressively pursue impeaching Meagan Wolfe, the state’s top election official, as a primary motivation for the recall campaign.” [Guardian, 1/11/24]

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2022 Campaign for SOS

Schroeder made election integrity a central theme in his 2022 campaign for SOS. “Schroeder and fellow GOP primary contender Daniel Schmidtka have both made election integrity a central theme of their campaigns.” [Wisconsin Examiner, [6/15/22](#)]

Dmitry Becker, a former GOP candidate for SOS in 2022, said Schroeder was advancing claims that the secretary of state could deny an election result by refusing to sign because he was “really trying to gun for the endorsement of Donald Trump — he knows he’s not going to win the primary without it.” “Loudenbeck’s campaign did not respond to an inquiry for this article asking whether she believes the statute cited by Schroeder gives the secretary of state legal authority to deny an election result by refusing to sign and whether she would have sought to use this authority to block the 2020 election result. [...] Dmitry Becker, an early GOP candidate for secretary of state who dropped out of the race in late April, throwing his support behind Loudenbeck, tells the Examiner that he disagrees with Schroeder’s interpretation of the statute, which he thinks is strategic. The statute, he says, makes no mention of the secretary of state’s office, only to the great seal, and, in his view, the person holding this office ‘doesn’t get to decide whether they want to affix the seal.’ As Becker sees it, Schroeder is advancing these claims because he is ‘really trying to gun for the endorsement of Donald Trump — he knows he’s not going to win the primary without it.’” [Wisconsin Examiner, [6/15/22](#)]

2022: Schroeder criticized his primary opponent for voting to create and fund the Wisconsin Election Commission. “Schroeder: My opponent voted to create the Wisconsin Election Commission(WEC). More troubling was that she sat on the state budget committee when the WEC requested \$10 million in the last state budget, she voted to give them every penny of the \$10 million requested. WEC allowed drop boxes and she voted to fund WEC. My opponent can’t hope to beat Doug

La Follette when she has the same platform of funding the WEC. I ask for your vote on August 9th.” [Freeman, 8/6/22]

2022: Schroeder lost the Republican primary for Secretary of State. “On the Republican side, state Rep. Amy Loudenberg was declared the winner over Jay Schroeder by The Associated Press late Tuesday.” [Wisconsin State Journal, 8/10/22]

2022: Schroeder said he was “humbled” to be endorsed by election deniers Mike Lindell and Michael Gableman. “I am humbled to have been endorsed by Mike Lindell, former Justice Michael Gableman. I have signed nomination and endorsement papers from former Justice Prosser, Assemblyman Dave Murphy, and Assemblywoman Rachel Cabral-Guevara.” [Press Release, Schroeder Campaign, [8/9/22](#)]

2018 Campaign for SOS

2018: Schroeder ran for Wisconsin secretary of state, a position he wanted to eliminate. “Republican Jay Schroeder is running for Wisconsin secretary of state, a nearly powerless position that Schroeder wants to eliminate. Schroeder announced his candidacy on Monday, becoming the first Republican challenger to incumbent Democratic Secretary of State Doug La Follette. Schroeder ran briefly for secretary of state on the same platform to eliminate the position in 2014 but dropped out to seek an open state Assembly seat in the Neenah area. He finished last in the Republican primary with 9 percent of the vote.” [AP, 2/19/18]

2018: Schroeder won the Republican primary for Wisconsin Secretary of State. “La Follette will face Republican businessman Jay Schroeder in November. Schroeder beat U.S. Air Force veteran Spencer Zimmerman.” [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, 8/15/18]

2018: Schroeder took aim at his Democratic opponent, La Follette, saying former Gov. Jim Doyle did nothing to revive the secretary’s office during his eight years in office. “Schroeder, 56, took aim at La Follette, saying Walker's Democratic predecessor, Jim Doyle, did nothing to revive the secretary's office during his eight years as governor.” [Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune, 9/28/18]

- **Schroeder: “Neither party wanted to help Doug La Follette with duties.”** ““Neither party wanted to help Doug La Follette with duties,” Schroeder said. ‘What does that say?’” [Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune, 9/28/18]

2014 Campaign for SOS

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Assembly Campaigns

Schroeder launched several unsuccessful bids to represent the state Assembly's 55th District.

“Schroeder is seeking the Republican nomination after challenging La Follette in 2018 and losing by a margin of 145,000 votes, according to the WEC. He was the first Republican candidate for secretary of state to crack 1.2 million votes in a general election. Schroeder also launched several unsuccessful bids to represent the Assembly's 55th District.” [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, 7/7/22]

- **2020: Schroeder ran for the 55th Assembly District.** “There is no lack of issues or accusations among the three Republican candidates for the 55th Assembly District. Lauri Asbury, Rachael Cabral-Guevara and Jay Schroeder all promote themselves as fiscal conservatives who are committed to get the economy back on its feet amid the coronavirus pandemic. However, back-and-forth exchanges have surfaced during the campaign over political endorsements, special-interest groups, hate mail and vandalism, and the legalization of recreational marijuana.” [Post Crescent, 7/30/20]
- **Schroeder made unsuccessful bids for the 55th Assembly Seat in 2012 and 2014, losing in the primaries.** “He is making his third run for the 55th Assembly seat. He lost to Dean Kaufert in the 2012 Republican primary and to Rohrkaste in the 2014 Republican primary.” [Post Crescent, 7/30/20]

2011: While running for the 55th district seat in the 2012 election, Schroeder said his first priority would be to “create jobs and promote conservative solutions to Wisconsin’s problems.” “Schroeder, 49, a former Town of Menasha supervisor who lost a bid for the 56th Assembly District seat to Vinland Republican Michelle Litjens in 2010, said his first priority would be to ‘create jobs and promote conservative solutions to Wisconsin's problems.’” [Post-Crescent, 12/27/11]

- **Schroeder criticized his primary opponent for voting against a law that changed collective bargaining rules for most state employees, saying “The governor's (law), which Kaufert voted against, is already working to give communities the flexibility they need to save jobs.”**

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ELECTIONS & VOTING

Audits

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Early Voting

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Schroeder via Facebook: “Job one in Wisconsin is to eliminate all election machines in Wisconsin with internet access.” “Wisconsin has a deep state who wants to run out the clock and create fatigue regarding voter fraud in many of our counties. Madison has similarities to Washington DC with many players, many from one party and a few from the other. Job one in Wisconsin is to eliminate all election machines in Wisconsin with internet access.” [Facebook, [5/9/22](#)]

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Elimination of Secretary of State Position

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2018: Schroeder said he “would probably give back a huge amount of (his) paycheck” if the secretary of state’s duties did not increase. “If he gets elected and doesn’t see the office’s duties increase, Schroeder said he ‘would probably give back a huge amount of (his) paycheck.’” [Freeman, 10/30/18]

2022: Schroeder advocated for stripping election oversight power from the bipartisan Wisconsin Elections Commission and giving it back to the secretary of state, which controlled elections until a decade ago. “The secretary of state in Wisconsin, unlike most other states, does not oversee elections. Schroeder is campaigning to change that: He advocates for stripping election oversight power from the bipartisan Wisconsin Elections Commission and giving it back to the secretary of state, which controlled elections until a decade ago.” [Reuters, 9/22/21]

2026: Schroeder said he planned to push to make the secretary of state Wisconsin’s top election official. “If elected, Schroeder said, he plans to push to make the secretary the state’s top election official.” [Wisconsin State Journal, 8/12/26]

2026: Schroeder wanted to eliminate the Wisconsin Elections Commission and put it back under the control of the secretary of state. “The Republican ticket will include Jay Schroeder, who won the GOP primary for secretary of state. Schroeder wants to eliminate the Wisconsin Elections Commission and put it back under the control of the secretary of state.” [Gazette, 8/12/26]

Election Denial

Schroeder previously denied 2020 presidential election results. “Schroeder has previously denied 2020 presidential election results.” [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, 8/20/26]

2021: Schroeder said in an interview that "there is lots of reasonable doubt" as to whether Biden won the 2020 election. “In Wisconsin, businessman and secretary of state candidate Jay Schroeder is considered the frontrunner for the Republican nomination. He said in an interview that ‘there is lots of reasonable doubt’ as to whether Biden won the election.” [Reuters, 9/22/21]

2021: Schroeder said he didn’t believe Biden won Wisconsin, saying “We need to investigate to see if he won.” “Biden also won Wisconsin, but Jay Schroeder, a Republican secretary of state candidate there, doesn’t believe it. ‘We need to investigate to see if he won,’ he said in an interview. ‘This is what I can’t understand: If someone wants to have an audit, and you think there is nothing there, why wouldn’t you let them do it?’ When pressed repeatedly, Schroeder eventually said that a candidate’s ability to audit their loss should end 22 months after the election, which is the current law in Wisconsin.” [Washington Post, 12/1/21]

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May 2022: Schroeder posted on Facebook about his belief that the 2020 election was “rigged” and included list of unsubstantiated numbers about alleged voter fraud in Wisconsin. “In May 2022, Schroeder posted on Facebook about his belief that the 2020 election was ‘rigged’ and included list of unsubstantiated numbers about alleged voter fraud in Wisconsin.” [Brennan Center for Justice, [8/10/22](#)]

2022: Schroeder told Republican attendees, “The secretary of state has to sign a sheet of paper for the election. I wouldn’t have signed it. Period.” “‘The secretary of state has to sign a sheet of paper for the election,’ GOP contender Jay Schroeder told a gathering of the Dane County Republican Party at a city park in Sun Prairie on June 7. ‘I wouldn’t have signed it. Period.’ The audience applauded. ‘That means they wouldn’t have been awarded,’ he said.” [Wisconsin Examiner, [6/15/22](#)]

Schroeder called to decertify the 2020 presidential election after the Wisconsin Supreme Court ruled absentee ballot drop boxes are illegal. “Schroeder, who called to decertify the 2020 presidential election after the Wisconsin Supreme Court ruled absentee ballot drop boxes are illegal, got around 40% of the vote Tuesday. Rep. Amy Loudenbeck, R-Clinton, who wants to bring more election duties to the secretary of state office, received about 46% of the vote.” [Wisconsin State Journal, 8/11/22]

2022: In an interview with NBC News, Schroeder wouldn’t acknowledge whether Biden won Wisconsin in 2020. “In an interview with NBC News, Schroeder, who was the Republican nominee for secretary of state in 2018, wouldn’t acknowledge whether Biden won the state in 2020. Biden beat Trump in Wisconsin by 20,600 votes.” [NBC, [5/1/22](#)]

- **Schroeder said he wouldn’t have certified Biden’s win if he had the authority to do so: “I wouldn’t have signed off on the results.”** “He said that if he’d been the secretary of state during the 2020 race, and if the office at that time had had the authority to do so, he wouldn’t have certified Biden’s win. ‘I wouldn’t have signed off on the results,’ he said.” [NBC, [5/1/22](#)]
- **Schroeder said if he held office in 2024 and had the power to certify elections, he would not explicitly commit to recognizing a Democratic winner if Trump lost: “There would have to be proof.”** “Schroeder added that if he were to hold the office in 2024, and if the office had the power to certify elections, and if Trump were the GOP nominee, he would not explicitly commit to recognizing a Democratic winner if Trump lost. ‘There would have to be proof,’ he said.” [NBC, [5/1/22](#)]

In 2021, Schroeder shared a lengthy memo on Facebook that argued state legislatures could recall state electors or decertify a national election upon proof of fraud. “Date: September 23, 2021 To: Sen. Wendy Rogers From: Matt DePerno Subject: Final Memo regarding Authority Over Elections and Electors Can a State Legislature recall the state electors or decertify a national election upon proof of fraud in the election? The Answer is ‘Yes.’ On August 14, 2021, I presented a memo to Sen. Wendy Rogers titled ‘Preliminary Memo regarding Authority Over Elections and Electors.’ That memo concluded that a State Legislature has the authority to recall the state elector or decertify a national election upon proof of fraud in the election. Importantly, this does not require proof of ‘all of the fraud.’ [...] In other words, the Legislature itself does not have to pass a state law to exercise its constitutional

(both state and federal) authority. A legislature's determination to decertify the votes cast by the electors or to otherwise decertify an election on demonstration of fraud in the election itself is nothing more than the Legislature's use of its reserved sovereign powers under the Tenth Amendment to protect those fundamental rights and privileges reserved to the People by the Ninth Amendment. Indeed, the failure to do so would be a violation of the Legislature's role as a co-equal branch of government. [Facebook, [9/22/21](#)]

Schroeder via Facebook: “When asked, my opponent said she did not believe there was widespread voter fraud in the November 2020 general election. Well I disagree there were illegal drop boxes, nursing home residents voting without special voting deputies, 625000 deceased people on the voting roles, 4900 voters with a zip code 99999, totalling 1.5 illegal voters on the roles. Need I say more????” [Facebook, [2/16/22](#)]

2022: Schroeder posted on Facebook, “if I would have prevailed in 2018 for Secretary of State I would NOT have signed off on the electors in 2018 and Joe Biden would not have received the 10 from Wisconsin.” “Fired up to see 2000 Mules in Chilton We had a Q and A afterwards were I explained, if I would have prevailed in 2018 for Secretary of State I would NOT have signed off on the electors in 2018 and Joe Biden would not have received the 10 from Wisconsin. and WON" T in 2024 If there is blatant fraud as there was in 2018” [Facebook, [5/25/22](#)]

Schroeder via Facebook: “I will attend any and all events I am asked to attend, If it allows me to speak on why the election was rigged for fraud in Wisconsin in 2020” “Clear the air. I have been asked why I attend and speak when other candidates are at certain venues. That missed the point. I will attend any and all events I am asked to attend, If it allows me to speak on why the election was rigged for fraud in Wisconsin in 2020 Still waiting to be asked to attend a dem event. If asked I will show up and my speech will be the same.” [Facebook, [3/10/22](#)]

Wisconsin Election Commission

Schroeder via Facebook: “Unlike my primary opponent, I want the Wisconsin Election Commission fired and it dissolved. Enough fraud and deceit with the current system.” [Facebook, [3/6/22](#)]

2022: Schroeder said bureaucrats on the Wisconsin Elections Commission allowed illegal drop boxes for voting, they kept over 600,000 deceased residents' names on the voter lists and they avoided using voting deputies in skilled nursing facilities. “Issues Facing the Secretary of State's Office: Schroeder said for about 40 years election procedures have been controlled by appointed bureaucrats on the Government Accountability Board, which recently was renamed the Wisconsin Election Commission. He said these bureaucrats allowed illegal drop boxes for voting, they kept over 600,000 deceased residents' names on the voter lists and they avoided using voting deputies in skilled nursing facilities.” [Beloit Daily News, 8/4/22]

2022: Schroeder advocated for stripping election oversight power from the bipartisan Wisconsin Elections Commission and giving it back to the secretary of state, which controlled elections until a decade ago. “The secretary of state in Wisconsin, unlike most other states, does not oversee elections. Schroeder is campaigning to change that: He advocates for stripping election oversight power from the bipartisan Wisconsin Elections Commission and giving it back to the secretary of state, which controlled elections until a decade ago.” [Reuters, 9/22/21]

- **Schroeder's 2022 campaign announcement called for the secretary of state to oversee elections, saying: "The days of rigging elections for fraud are over."** "His campaign announcement called for the secretary of state to oversee elections, saying: "The days of rigging elections for fraud are over." [Brennan Center for Justice, [8/10/22](#)]

2022: Schroeder shouted "how do you sleep at night?" at Meagan Wolfe, administrator for the Wisconsin Elections Commission, during a town hall. "The most personal questioning came not from voters but from Republican political candidates. 'How do you sleep at night?' Jay Schroeder, a candidate for secretary of state, shouted. Wolfe maintained a pinched, thin smile, and stayed afterward to answer questions from voters." [New Yorker, 8/1/22]

2026: Schroeder ran his campaign on a platform of making the role of secretary of state the chief election official instead of the Wisconsin Elections Commission, calling the commission "corrupt." "Republican secretary of state primary winner Schroeder calls himself the 'MAGA-aligned candidate' and ran his campaign on a platform of making the role of secretary of state the chief election official instead of the Wisconsin Elections Commission, calling the commission 'corrupt.'" [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, 8/20/26]

On his campaign website, Schroeder calls for "Moving the role of Chief Election Official back to the Secretary of State" and "Removing the 'bureaucratic shield' of the WEC to ensure that election officials are accountable to the people, not political appointees." "Restoring Election Integrity and Accountability Wisconsin is currently one of only 14 states that delegates its election oversight to an appointed, unelected commission. Since its inception in 2016, the Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC) has proven to be a failed experiment. In 36 other states, the Secretary of State serves as the chief election official, providing a direct line of accountability to the voters. Jay believes that the current system is an arbitrary disaster that lacks the transparency Wisconsinites deserve. He is committed to: Restoring Authority: Moving the role of Chief Election Official back to the Secretary of State. Ensuring Transparency: Implementing rigorous records transparency so every citizen can trust the process. Securing the Vote: Removing the 'bureaucratic shield' of the WEC to ensure that election officials are accountable to the people, not political appointees." [jayforwisconsin.com, accessed [9/15/26](#)]

Voter Fraud

2018: Schroeder said he would seek involvement in the Wisconsin Elections Commission to combat voter fraud if elected. "If he's elected, Schroeder said, he would seek involvement in the Wisconsin Elections Commission to combat voter fraud, and the Wisconsin Economic Development Corp. to talk with Wisconsin business owners about what they need from the state to succeed." [The Reporter, 7/29/18]

2022: Schroeder said "fraudulent issues regarding elections" was the biggest issue facing Wisconsin. "THE FREEMAN: What is the biggest issue facing Wisconsin? [...] Schroeder: Fraudulent issues regarding elections. There has been a sting operation conducted by a private citizen to show how easy it is to request an absentee ballot in another person's name. This should concern everyone that elections can easily be tainted and vote totals put into question. 33 states have elections under the Secretary of State's office. I promise you this, as your elected Secretary of State fraud will be cleaned up once and for all." [Freeman, 8/6/22]

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“SCHROEDER: Ever wonder why your taxes are up? After I audited the secretary of state budget I learned the budget went up 157% and from two employees to six. This budget is ripping off the taxpayers and once elected I will be cutting and restructuring the corrupt budget to work for the taxpayers. I am the consistent, conservative candidate that has been speaking around the state for over 10 years on this issue. I will work with the FBI, DOJ and ICE to clean up elections in Wisconsin. The primary is Aug. 11 and I ask for your vote.” [Washington County Daily News, 8/6/26]

2022: Schroeder posted a lengthy Facebook post indicating there was voter fraud in Wisconsin in 2020. “RIGGED: Here are some of the numbers: 2020 Voter Fraud in Wisconsin 1. 11,342 ballots illegally printed and voted in Milwaukee: key witness who provided 377 exhibits that prove illegality; has received multiple death threats. 2. 40,783 votes with no identification: voted Nov.3 rd , 2020, claimed indefinitely confined, yet showed no photo ID. Need FOIA support to confirm that WEC and clerks never sent post cards to confirm legality. 3. 32,110 post cards returned “Address Unknown” to WEC and the people voted. Need FOIA support to follow up with WEC which denies it. 4. 185,300 Illegal Absentee ballots: resulted from non-profits mailing 250,000 Illegal Voter Application Forms that were not approved by WEC, illegally sent by unauthorized non-profits included political party affiliation and race with no place for the election clerk to sign approval. 5. 137,500 Illegal Ballots: at least placed in drop boxes by 138 human mules in five key counties of Wisconsin. It was ballot harvesting which is illegal in our state. The drop boxes were also illegal. 6. 78 Registrants were Inactive, then turned Active, then a ballot was cast in the people’s names. With each using the same voter ID number when both Inactive, Active. 7. 2,033 Regular voters: returned ballots using email. This is illegal in WI. 8. 3,464 people registered: using a US Post Office box, a UPS or Fedex PO box. This is illegal in WI and several of these people cast ballots. 9. 4,269 people registered: with the zip code 99999. Some of these voted. 10. 5,841 people: double voted 11. 8,638 ballots were: returned to the election clerks...before they were mailed out 12. Over 12,198 ballots: cast November 3 rd , 2020 yet they were not registered to vote 13. 45,662 voted: without being verified by the WI DMV 14. 7,197 voted: two absentee ballots cast exact same name, exact same address 15. 403,576+ people: have moved out of state yet they are still on the voter rolls. Some cast ballots, even not living in the state for years.” [Facebook, [5/6/22](#)]

2018: Schroeder said he spoke about election fraud at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and called for the creation of an “election watchdog.” “In my recent talk at the University of Wisconsin–Madison while speaking about election fraud he interrupted my speech loudly blurting out ‘there is no voter fraud in Wisconsin’ I and his Democratic primary opponent called for the creation of an ‘Election Watchdog’ His response: I don’t get involved in elections.” [Facebook, [10/31/18](#)]

Schroeder via Facebook: “So does anyone think that voting machines can'T be hacked? Um the server of candidate Donald Trump was hacked and he was HACKED as a sitting President in the White House according to the Durham report. UNBELIEVABLE” [Facebook, [2/15/22](#)]

2022: Schroeder attended a Secretary of State event at Mar-a-Lago with Trump and other candidates, such as Mark Finchum. “Today's Press Release: Schroeder Campaign: Schroeder attends Secretary of State Event at Mar-a-Lago with President Trump Informative and inspiring forum for Secretary of State (SOS) candidates held at Mar a Lago! I was encouraged while talking to fellow candidates for Secretary of State including Arizona's candidate Mark Finchum. America First proponents all agree the time is now. I enjoyed my colloquy with President Trump on my candidacy for SOS in Wisconsin and how the Wisconsin Election Commission needs to be fired. President Trump is fully aware of who and how roadblocks are created to delay uncovering of the truth. We agreed that in each state we are to work tirelessly to increase election integrity, clean voting logs and avoid paying for ballots. One thing is for sure, there is widespread distrust of elections in America.” [Facebook, [5/9/22](#)]

Schroeder via Facebook: “If you watch the movie ‘2000 Mules’ you will see how felonies were committed across our state and the nation.” “I support paper ballots with watermarks, voter ID and ballot chain of custody. The ‘Indefinitely Confined’ reason for absentee ballots should include a medical letter. Let's clean up voter rolls including the 625,000 deceased voters including my father who passed in 2015 whom I found still able to register. Let's seek prison time for private ‘Zuckerbucks’ companies for meddling in our elections and fines. If you watch the movie ‘2000 Mules’ you will see how felonies were committed across our state and the nation.” [Facebook, [5/9/22](#)]

2022: Schroeder shared a Trump statement on Facebook that said, in part, “The Biden Administration will do anything to keep the eye away from the massive irregularities and voter fraud that took place in the 2020 Presidential Election, even so ridiculously as going after its own citizens as ‘terrorists’ using DHS, which should instead be focusing on the Border, where millions of people, from places unknown, are pouring into our Country.” “Statement by Donald J. Trump, 45th President of the United States of America [...] The Biden Administration will do anything to keep the eye away from the massive irregularities and voter fraud that took place in the 2020 Presidential Election, even so ridiculously as going after its own citizens as ‘terrorists’ using DHS, which should instead be focusing on the Border, where millions of people, from places unknown, are pouring into our Country. They are so desperate to hide the truth, they’ll make it criminal to speak it!” [Facebook, [2/8/22](#)]

Schroeder via Facebook: “2000 Mules Movie. Potential 83,565 votes trafficked in Wisconsin Illegally! Rigged” [Facebook, [5/9/22](#)]

SAVE Act

2026: Schroeder touted a Wisconsin version of Trump's SAVE Act, which attempts to suppress voting by raising ID requirements to register and vote in elections. “Jay Schroeder has touted a Wisconsin version of Trump's SAVE Act, which attempts to suppress voting by raising ID requirements to register and vote in elections. His campaign emphasizes making the office the overseer of elections in Wisconsin, removing that power from the Wisconsin Elections Commission which has administered elections since 2016. He has never held political office, coming closest in 2018 when he lost the general election for Secretary of State. Schroeder is endorsed by Pro-Life Wisconsin Victory Fund and Wisconsin Right to Life.” [Badger Herald, 8/10/26]

Schroeder called for adopting “a Save Wisconsin Act proof of citizenship and photo ID.” “SCHROEDER: The top issue is election honesty and integrity. In a recent poll, 87% people don't trust elections. We need paper ballots, same-day voting, to eliminate the Wisconsin Elections Commission, and to adopt a Save Wisconsin Act proof of citizenship and photo ID. I have run before for this office

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Schroeder via Facebook: “86% of the public support the Save America Act We are the ‘Save Wisconsin’ movement and we will succeed.” “Great news Honest Election Integrity has bi partisan support This is the same modeling that showed me in the primary leading as well. 86% of the public support the Save America Act We are the ‘Save Wisconsin’ movement and we will succeed.” [Facebook, [8/17/26](#)]

Gateway Pundit on Schroeder: “Jay wants the SAVE America Act passed. He wants the dead people taken off the voter rolls. And, he wants to reign in rigged vote-by-mail schemes which skirt voter ID laws.” “The Hoft brothers, Jim and Joe, had planned to visit Wisconsin to boost Fighting Jay’s campaign. But lingering and serious health issues and tight scheduling intervened. So this article must suffice. Underdog Jay Schroeder won the GOP primary by over 20% and is now the official Republican nominee for Secretary of State! Schroeder vows to restore voting integrity. Jay has been fighting against voter fraud since the 2020 election was stolen from President Trump. Jay makes it clear he is outraged by voter fraud! Jay wants the SAVE America Act passed. He wants the dead people taken off the voter rolls. And, he wants to reign in rigged vote-by-mail schemes which skirt voter ID laws.” [Gateway Pundit, [9/8/26](#)]