



Benjamin's News and Updates August 7, 2026

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by **Benjamin Zastrow** on August 7th, 2026

This is it, folks! We are in the final few days before the primary. In a field of eight candidates, only two will make it past Tuesday. Every bit of encouragement and support you can give is greatly appreciated.

Thank you all for joining me over the past nine months. During this time, I have heard from neighbors all across Rochester while sharing my vision for a city that works for everyone. I am confident that voters will agree with my message, and I'm fully prepared to head into the general election. Without all of you, none of this would be possible. You are appreciated.

Like I do each month, I ask you, the people of Rochester, to take care of yourselves, love your families, and help your neighbors.

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League of Women Voters Forum.

July 17th

At the League of Women Voters primary candidate forum, I had the opportunity to present my vision for Rochester and, more importantly, explain the kind of leadership I believe our city needs at this moment of rapid growth and change.

I spoke about making housing more affordable without displacing the people who already call Rochester home, supporting the small businesses that give our neighborhoods and downtown their character, and rebuilding trust through better communication and accountability at City Hall. I also emphasized that being Mayor means listening first, bringing people together, and taking responsibility for the decisions that shape our community.

[Watch the forum here.](#)



The Shoe Candidate Forum #2

August 2nd

On Sunday, August 2nd, The Shoe Beverage Bar hosted a candidate forum with Joe Powers and me. This was a wonderful event where community members got to know both candidates and ask questions in a relaxed setting. This was the final forum in a series of 4, and I was asked to fill in for a candidate who declined to participate. It was a fun hour of discussion and sharing our thoughts with the crowd. Afterward, Joe and I played a game of PIG on the hoop out back, at his social media manager's recommendation. It was a good time all around.

If you haven't seen the forum yet, [check it out here](#). Or watch the [quick game of PIG here](#).



BENJAMIN'S RECENT CAMPAIGN UPDATES

- [I spoke with seniors at The Waters on Mayowood](#), including former Mayor Brede.
- Participated in both the League of Women Voters forum and In the City for Good forum.
- I walked around downtown with independent State Auditor Candidate Jay Reeves to learn more about what the State Auditor can do for Rochester. [Watch here.](#)
- August 2nd [Candidate Forum at The Shoe.](#)
- I accepted the challenge to a [friendly game of PIG](#) from Joe Powers.
- A brief candidate feature in Rochester Women's Magazine. [Read here.](#)

Supporter to-do list:

1. **Vote on or before August 11th.** Voting information can be found [here](#).
2. Go view and share [Benjamin Zastrow's campaign website](#).
3. Share campaign [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) posts to your feed.
4. [Donate any amount today.](#)
5. Help your friends and family make a plan to vote on or before Tuesday.

Thank you!

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