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**Healthy Babies, Healthy Communities
Assembly Candidate Forum Will Focus on Health Issues
Wednesday, July 25**

Candidates running for state Assembly District 16 and Assembly District 18 will discuss their positions on “Healthy Babies, Healthy Communities,” from 1 to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, July 25, at [United Way of Greater Milwaukee and Waukesha County](#), 225 W. Vine St., Milwaukee.

Confirmed candidates are:

- District 16: Rick Banks, Brandy Bond, Kalan Haywood, Danielle McClendon-Williams, and Supreme Moore Omokunde
- District 18: Evan Goyke and Travis Spell

This nonpartisan candidate forum is co-sponsored by the United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County, [Community Advocates Public Policy Institute](#), and the [City of Milwaukee Tobacco-Free Alliance](#).

“United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County is pleased to provide an opportunity and venue to learn more from candidates about their plans to create healthy communities that promote healthy birth outcomes, and to promote community engagement and dialogue around this critical issue,” said Nicole Angresano, vice president, community impact at United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County.

At the forum, the public will have a chance to ask the candidates health-related questions in a moderated setting, with a specific focus on policies that enable children and families to thrive.

“Smoking during pregnancy is a major preventable cause of poor birth outcomes in our community,” said Kristine Alaniz at [First Breath](#). “By preventing tobacco use and providing a supportive environment to help people quit we can improve birth outcomes and have a healthier, happier community.”

[Registration is available here](#) for this no-cost event that is open to the public. Media are welcome to attend. The forum also will be live-streamed and archived on Community Advocates Public Policy Institute’s Facebook page at [facebook.com/CAPublicPolicyInstitute](#).

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