

# Kamala Harris in Eau Claire, Wisconsin | August 7, 2024

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## Notes:

Summary by ChatGPT

- Campaign Momentum: Kamala Harris announces she is officially the Democratic nominee for president and introduces Tim Walz as her running mate.

- Record vs. Donald Trump: She contrasts her legal career (prosecuting fraud, sexual abuse) with Donald Trump's legal troubles (fraud, sexual abuse allegations) to highlight their differences.

- Vision for the Future: Harris emphasizes a forward-looking agenda focused on workers' rights, affordable healthcare, housing, and combating climate change.

- Defending Freedoms: She speaks about protecting voting rights, reproductive freedom, gun control, and environmental rights, while accusing Trump of undermining these.

- Call to Action: She urges the audience to mobilize, vote, and protect democracy, emphasizing the power of the people to shape the future of the country.

**Kamala Harris** 00:00:01  
Look for me. I've been whatever.

**Kamala Harris** 00:00:06  
Good afternoon, Wisconsin.

**Kamala Harris** 00:00:13  
Good afternoon always. Ah, good to be back. Good afternoon, everybody. Can we hear for Tim walls?

**Kamala Harris** 00:00:26  
Oh, uh, I'm so happy to be running with him, let me tell you. So let me start by thanking Les. Your words, your leadership, your voice, it's so important. Les, thank you for everything you are and everything you do for our country.

**Kamala Harris** 00:00:45  
And it is good to be with so many incredible leaders, including the most magnificent, wonderful governor, Tony Eversley. Every time I come to Wisconsin, Tony meets me on the tarmac. He's such an incredible human being. I want to thank Secretary of State Sarah Godliewski, chair of the Wisconsin Democratic Party, Ben Whickler, and, uh, my dear, dear friend, Senator Tammy Baldwin.

**Kamala Harris** 00:01:25  
I served with Tammy when I was in the United States Senate. And I'm going to tell you, she was always, always, always fighting for the people of this state. And in November, we are going to reelect her to the United States Senate.

**Kamala Harris** 00:01:42  
And please give it up one more time for Wisconsin's own bon ivere. It's a good afternoon. It's a good afternoon. Um, and let me say, I also want to, I want to bring greetings from our incredible president, Joe Biden.

He loves Wisconsin. He loves Wisconsin. And I know we are all deeply grateful for his lifetime of service to our nation and for all he continues to do.

**Kamala Harris**

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That's right.

**Kamala Harris**

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That's right. I'm going to tell them what you said.

**Kamala Harris**

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So, Wisconsin, this has been a big week. On Monday, I officially became the democratic nominee for president of the United States.

**Kamala Harris**

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And yesterday I announced my running mate in this campaign, Governor Tim Wall.

**Kamala Harris**

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And as you just heard in the Minnesotans here know, Tim has an incredible record as governor of the great state of Minnesota.

**Kamala Harris**

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And to those who know him best, Tim is more than a governor. To his wife, Gwen, he is a husband. To his kids, Hope and Gus, he is dad. To his fellow veterans, he is Sergeant major Walls.

**Kamala Harris**

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To the people of southern Minnesota. For twelve years, he was a congressman.

**Kamala Harris**

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To his former high school students, he was Mister Walls.

**Kamala Harris**

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And to, uh, his former high school football players, he was coach. Coach.

**Kamala Harris**

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And in 90 days, the nation will know coach walls by a new title. Vice president of the United States of America. America.

Oh, it really is good to be back in Wisconsin.

**Kamala Harris**

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So listen, let me tell you, I am clear. The path to the White House runs right through this state. And with your help, we will win in November. We are going to win. We are going to win.

**Kamala Harris**

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And I've been here many times, as you all know, recently and even before, and many of you know, then before I was elected vice president, before I was elected United States senator, I was an elected attorney general. And before that, an elected district attorney. And before that, and before that, I was a courtroom prosecutor.

**Kamala Harris**

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So in those roles, I took on perpetrators of all kinds, predators who abused women, fraudsters who ripped off consumers, scammers who broke the rules for personal gain. So hear me when I say I know Donald Trump's tight.

**Kamala Harris**

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I know his tight.

**Kamala Harris**

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In fact, I've been dealing with people like him my whole career.

**Kamala Harris**

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For example, as attorney general of California. Well, hold on. You know what? The courts are going to handle that part of it. What we're going to do is beat them in November.

**Kamala Harris**

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So I'll tell you, as attorney general, I took on one of our country's largest for profit colleges that scammed students. Well, Donald Trump ran a for profit college that scammed students.

**Kamala Harris**

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As a prosecutor, I specialized in cases of sexual abuse. Well, Donald Trump was found liable for committing sexual abuse.

**Kamala Harris**

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As attorney general, I held the big Wall street banks accountable for fraud. Well, Donald Trump was just found guilty of fraud, 34 counts. So in this campaign, I'll tell you, I will proudly put my record against his any day of the week.

**Kamala Harris**

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Any day of the week.

**Kamala Harris**

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But let's make no mistake, this campaign is not just about us versus Donald Trump. It's about two very different visions for our nation. Two very different visions. One for us, focused on the future, the other focused on the past and Wisconsin. We we here, we fight for the future.

**Kamala Harris**

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We fight for a, uh, future where every worker has the freedom to join a union.

**Kamala Harris**

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We fight for a future where every senior can retire with dignity.

**Kamala Harris**

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A future where we build a broad based economy, and one where every american has the opportunity to own a home, to start a business, to build wealth, and understand. In this fight, as Tim Walz likes to point out, we are joyful warriors. Joyful warriors, because we know that while fighting for a brighter future may be hard work, hard work is good work.

**Kamala Harris**

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Hard work is good work. And so we will continue to fight for affordable housing, for affordable health care, affordable childcare, and paid leave.

**Kamala Harris**

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We believe in a future where we lower the cost of living for America's families so that they have a chance not just to get by, but to get ahead.

**Kamala Harris**

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Because while our economy is doing well, by many measures, prices for everyday things like groceries, are still too high. You know it, and I know it. You know, when I was attorney general, I went after price fixing schemes. And when I am president, it will be a day one priority to fight to bring down prices.

I will take on big corporations that engage in illegal price gouging.

**Kamala Harris**

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I will take on corporate landlords that unfairly raise rents. On working families. I will take on big pharma and cap the cost of prescription drugs for all Americans and continue to bring manufacturing jobs back to America and back to communities like Eau Claire.

**Kamala Harris**

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So all this is to say, strengthening our economy and building up the middle class will be a defining goal of my presidency.

**Kamala Harris**

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Because, you see, Coach Walz and I know when America's middle class is strong, America is strong.

**Kamala Harris**

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And as we work to move our nation forward, Donald Trump intends to take our nation backward.

**Kamala Harris**

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There is so much evidence of that point. There really is. But look at most recently, project 2025. In that agenda, project 2025. You know, if you have some time to take a look at it, I'm telling you, it is a plan to weaken the middle class.

**Kamala Harris**

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It is a plan to weaken the middle class. If he is elected, Donald Trump intends to give tax breaks to billionaires and big corporations.

**Kamala Harris**

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He intends to cut Social Security and Medicare.

**Kamala Harris**

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He intends to surrender our fight against the climate crisis, and he intends to end the Affordable Care act.

**Kamala Harris**

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And because we all remember what it was like before the Affordable Care act, we understand what that means. That's about taking us back to a time when insurance

companies had the power to deny people with pre existing conditions. You remember that?

**Kamala Harris**

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What that was like, when we're not going back. We're not going back. We're not going back. We are not going back. We are not going back.

**Kamala Harris**

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But in order to know where we need to go, let's remember the past and what that was like, because we cannot forget on that point about the ACA. Remember people with preexisting conditions being denied, children with asthma, breast cancer survivors, grandparents with diabetes. That was no joke. And we cannot go back. Ours has to be a fight for the future and a fight for freedom.

**Kamala Harris**

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A, uh, fight for freedom. Across our nation, we have been witnessing a full on assault against hard fought, hard won freedoms and rights. The freedom to vote, the freedom to be safe from gun violence, the freedom to breathe clean air and drink clean water, the freedom to love who you love openly and with pride, and the freedom of a woman to make decisions about her own body and not have her government telling her what to do.

**Kamala Harris**

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And let's remember. Let's remember the traditions of our great country. Generations of Americans before us led in the fight for freedom. And now, then, as they would expect, the baton is in our hands. The baton is in our hands, each and every one of us.

**Kamala Harris**

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So we then who believe in the sacred freedom to vote will finally pass the John Lewis Voting Rights act and the freedom to vote act.

**Kamala Harris**

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We who believe in the freedom to live safe from gun violence will finally pass universal background checks, red flag laws, and an assault weapons bandaid. We who believe in reproductive freedom will fight for a woman's right to choose.

**Kamala Harris**

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And we remember that when he was president, Donald Trump handpicked three members of the United States Supreme Court, the court of Thurgood and RBG, because he intended for them to overturn Roe v. Wade. And as he intended, they did.

And now, more than 20 states in our country have a Trump abortion ban, many with no exceptions, even for rape and incest. And if he wins, we all know he will sign a national abortion ban to outlaw abortion in every state, even in Wisconsin.

**Kamala Harris**

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But we are not going to let that happen, because we trust women.

**Kamala Harris**

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And when I am president of the United States and when Congress passes a bill to restore the protections of Roe v. Wade, I will sign it into law. Uh, thank you all. So, listen, everyone, took time out of your busy lives and days and all your obligations to come out here and to be together as one community.

**Kamala Harris**

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And I know you did it also, because we all know.

**Kamala Harris**

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Listen, so much is on the line in this election. It can't be said seriously enough. So much is on the line and compounded with everything else that we knew was on the line. Think about the fact that last month, the United States Supreme Court basically told the former president, who has been convicted of fraud, that going forward, he will be immune no matter what he does in the White House.

**Kamala Harris**

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Think about what that means and the changed circumstances since 16620. When you think about what that court decision means, Donald Trump has openly vowed, if re-elected, he will be a dictator on day one, that he would weaponize the Department of justice against his political enemies, that he would round up peaceful protesters and throw them out of our country and even terminate the United States Constitution.

**Kamala Harris**

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So let us be clear. Let us be clear. Someone who suggests we should terminate the constitution of the United States should never, uh, again have a chance to stand behind the seal of the president of the United States. United States.

**Kamala Harris**

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So, basically, I think it all comes down to this. We're all here because we love our country. We love our country. We love our country. And I do believe it is the highest form of patriotism to fight for the ideals of our country.



And that's how we preserve the promise of America. Because after all, the promise of America is what makes it possible, by the way, for governor Walts and me to stand on this stage today. Just think about it. Two middle class kids, one a daughter of Oakland, California, who was raised by a working mother and had a summer job at McDonald's.

**Kamala Harris**

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The other a son of the Nebraska plains who grew up working on a farm. Think about that. Only, uh, in America is it possible for them together to make it all the way together to the White House. Only in America. Only in America.

**Kamala Harris**

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So this is a fight to make real the promise of America for every person in our nation. And also I'll tell you, and I promise you, our campaign is going to reach out to everyone from red states, from blue states, from the heartland to the coast. We are running a campaign on behalf of all Americans.

**Kamala Harris**

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And when elected, we will govern on behalf of all Americans.

**Kamala Harris**

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Because coach walls and I know, and we're clear about this, unlike the other side, we work for you. We work for you, the american people, and we will always fight for you, for your family, for your freedoms and for your future. So, Wisconsin, ultimately this election is about a question that we each face.

**Kamala Harris**

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We each face a question in this election, and that is, what kind of country do we want to live in? Do we want to live in a country of freedom, of compassion, of rule of law, or a country of chaos, fear and hate?

**Kamala Harris**

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And the beauty of our democracy, see, is we each have the power individually and collectively, we each have the power in a democracy to answer that question. The power is with the people. The power is with the people.

**Kamala Harris**

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So in the, in the next 90 days, we need you to use your power, we need you to knock on doors, we need you to register folks to vote, we need you to energize and organize and mobilize and make your voices heard.

And I'll tell you, about an hour ago, after I landed on Air Force two, I met a collection of young leaders from Girl Scout troop 3307. Oh, they were spectacular. Oh, they were spectacular. None of them taller than 3ft. They all made just, they were spectacular.

**Kamala Harris**

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And one of those young leaders had a shirt on that said, you are powerful and your voice matters. Right from the mouths of babes. They're telling us. They're telling us. And so let's remember that.

**Kamala Harris**

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Let's remember our power. Let's remember our voice matters. And with that, then I ask, are you ready to make your voices heard? Do we believe in freedom? Do we believe in opportunity?

**Kamala Harris**

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Do we believe in the promise of America? And are we ready to fight for it? And when we fight, we win. God bless you. And God bless the United States of America.