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Please include my answers in the Spanish edition.

1. My greatest strengths are my experience with, and vision for, city and community issues, and my ability to bring people together. I work at the Center on Wisconsin Strategy, coordinating a network of progressive mayors and studying progressive energy and environmental policy. I have experience as a political activist, active union member, and educator. I serve on two city commissions, working towards cleaner air and better transit. But I am most proud of the work I've done in my district -- I am Treasurer of the Eken Park Neighborhood Association and recently organized a multi-neighborhood meeting on water quality.

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2. I supported the sick leave ordinance that came before the Common Council last year, and would likely support a similar ordinance in the future. Providing sick leave is not only a matter of basic fairness, it protects public health and helps keep businesses productive by allowing employees with illnesses to stay home and recover, rather than spreading disease. It also allows parents to stay home with sick children rather than exposing other children and teachers. However, before I pledge support for a future ordinance (on any issue), I would need to study the details and discuss it with my constituents.

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3. Expanding Madison Metro is crucial to my district, especially for those who work off-hour shifts and can't rely on commuter buses. These workers need access to both downtown and surrounding communities. I'd also like to see more affordable transit better serve those who are transit dependent - youth, elderly, disabled and those who cannot afford a car. Our neighborhoods deserve a safe, comprehensive bus system that doesn't require numerous transfers and long waits at bus stops. I've been a strong advocate for Metro, I serve on the Metro Planning Committee, and as Alder I will continue to make transportation a priority.

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