

INSIDE THE VOTE

What candidates & measures will actually do

Next week, Keizer voters will begin receiving their ballots for the November elections. We wanted to remind voters that **all elections matter** by looking at the types of decisions made at each level of government and that decisions made by candidates once in office can have lasting effects. When analyzing the measures included on the November ballots, we tried to look behind the veil to see **what the effects of the measures would be and who is funding them**. Some of our local endorsements can be found in this week's opinion section.

YOU CAN STILL REGISTER TO VOTE

The deadline for voter registration to participate in next month's election is

OCT 16

Visit <https://bit.ly/2zblzZp> and you won't even have to leave your couch. Ballots will be mailed beginning Oct. 17

LOCAL ELECTIONS



CITY COUNCIL

Duties: Recent actions by the city council have included approving a new sign code; partnering with other city governments to form a plan to address homelessness; enacting fees to pay for additional police and parks services; approving expenditures citywide; and addressing resident concerns (such as the recent disputes over bullets flying into Keizer from a West Salem quarry). Councilors and the mayor are volunteers and not paid positions. The mayor is the lead position on the council, but the mayor's vote is no more powerful than the others.

CANDIDATES (all are non-partisan)

Position 4: Roland Herrera
Position 5: Shawn Lapof and Elizabeth Smith
Position 6: Mike DeBlasi and Dan Kohler
Mayor: Cathy Clark



MARION COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Soil & Water District officials manage natural resources on the local level with an eye toward conservation and enhancement of what is available. Recent actions include: paying for a pesticide clean-up in Mt. Angel; sponsoring a workshop on water rights; providing additional funding for watershed councils like the Claggett Creek Watershed Council; and providing oversight for forest management plans.

CANDIDATES

Director at Large: Leigh Harrod and Terry Hsu



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Marion County's Board of Commissioners provides leadership on issues ranging from public health and safety to economic development and emergency preparedness to transportation and land management. Recent actions taken by commissioners have included surveying broadband internet availability; authorizing funding for a Woodburn mobile crisis team; considering tax exemptions for rural industrial developments; and approving additional staffing by Marion County Sheriff's Office in the East Salem District (Hayesville) area.

CANDIDATES

Position 1: Kevin Cameron (Republican) and Shelaswau Crier (Democrat)
Position 2: Bill Burgess (Democrat) and Colm Willis (Republican)

STATE ELECTIONS



STATE SENATOR

Oregon's senate consists of 30 members that serve four-year terms. Keizer is in the 13th District. Senate duties include passing bills on public policy matters, setting levels for state spending, raising and lowering taxes, and voting to uphold or override gubernatorial vetoes. Senators can also confirm or reject gubernatorial appointments to state departments, commissions, boards, and other state governmental agencies.

CANDIDATES (13th District)

Sarah Grider (Democrat) and Kim Thatcher (Republican)



STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Oregon's House of Representative consists of 60 members that serve two-year terms. Keizer is in the 25th District. The House of Representatives duties include passing bills on public policy matters, setting levels for state spending, raising and lowering taxes, and voting to uphold or override gubernatorial vetoes.

CANDIDATES (25th District)

Dave McCall (Democrat) and Bill Post (Republican)



GOVERNOR

The governor generally sets the agenda for the rest of the state government, is commander-in-chief of state military, has the power to grant pardons and reprieves and to commute sentences. The governor may also convene a special session of the state legislature to address urgent matters of the public interest. Additionally, the governor serves on the State Land Board, which manages how state lands are used.

CANDIDATES

Aaron Auer (Constitution party), Nick Chen (Libertarian), Kate Brown (Democrat), Knute Buehler (Republican) and Patrick Starnes (Independent)



LOCAL MEASURES

MEASURE 24-432

The Keizer Fire District is seeking a renewal of its existing local option levy. The new levy would take effect in July 2019 as the current one expires. If approved the money will be

used to provide staffing and cover costs of the district's 9-1-1 dispatch services. For a Keizer home valued at \$250,000, the cost is approximately \$150 annually.

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CCMS, WMS still undefeated

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