

REP: 'Schrader's announcement opens the door for an open race for Oregon's sixth congressional seat'



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While Schrader's decision to run in the 5th District isn't shocking, there was a possibility that he would run in a 6th District. Keizer and other parts of the current 5th District that Schrader represents were moved into the new 6th Congressional District in the redistricting process.

The redistricting maps are still being challenged in Oregon courts, leaving room for district boundaries to still change.

Schrader's announcement opens the door for an open race for Oregon's sixth congressional seat, which multiple candidates have already announced that they will run for. The new 6th District includes all of Polk and Yamhill counties and parts of Washington, Clackamas and Marion counties.

On Tuesday, Nov. 9, state Rep. Andrea Salinas announced her candidacy for the 6th District. Salinas, a Democrat, has represented Lake Oswego since 2017 and also served as the Chair of the House Special Committee on Redistricting.

Also competing against Salinas for the Democratic nomination in the sixth is Loretta Smith, who served as the

Multnomah County commissioner from 2011 to 2018. Other Democratic candidates include Matt West, a former Intel engineer and cryptocurrency developer, and former Portland Public Schools board member Derry Jackson.

As for the Republican nomination, state Rep. Ron Noble, a McMinnville Republican, has announced he will run in the 6th District as has former Keizer City Councilor Amy Ryan Courser. Angela Plowhead, a clinical psychologist and Air Force veteran, and Dundee Mayor David Russ have also filed to run in the 6th Congressional District.

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