



Keizer voters meet candidates for new 6th Congressional District

A forum for candidates for Oregon's new sixth congressional district met Wednesday night, March 8, at the Keizer Civic Center. Of the 15 declared candidates for the seat, five appeared in person to answer submitted questions from the audience of about 35 and the Greater Gubser Neighborhood Association, which hosted the forum.

The candidates appearing at the forum were: Ricky Barajas, Democrat, an activist; Ron Noble, Republican, state representative from Washington County; Angela Plowhead, Republican, a clinical psychologist; Cody Reynolds, Democrat; and David Russ, Republican, mayor of Dundee.

Oregon's newest congressional district

was added after the 2020 census. Keizer was shifted into the sixth from the fifth district, which is represented by Rep. Kurt Schrader, a Democrat.

The new district consists of Polk County, Yamhill County and portions of Marion, Clackamas and Washington counties. It is Oregon's first new congressional district in decades.

At the forum each candidate made an opening statement. Then, each candidate answered a question. Questions ranged from local issues to national and international issues.

The forum was emceed by Keizer city councilor Dan Kohler.



A: About 35 people attended the forum.
 B: Ron Noble.
 C: David Russ
 D: Cody Reynolds
 E: Ricky Barajas
 F: Angela Plowhead

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