

Primaries from A1

ballot drop sites will open. There are a number of races Cottage Grove area residents will be eligible to vote in which have national and regional implications, including presidential primaries for both the Democratic and Republican candidates for president, U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives.

Nationally, Sen. Jeff Merkley is seeking re-election, as is Oregon's 4th District Rep. Peter DeFazio.

Merkley is the ranking member on the Subcommittee for Agriculture and

Rural Development and serves on the Foreign Relations and Budget Committees. He previously served in the Oregon House of Representatives, representing District 47 from 1999 to 2009.

DeFazio was first elected in 1986 and is the longest-serving representative in Oregon history. In 2019, DeFazio was elected to the position of Chairman of the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, which has jurisdiction over the Coast Guard, highways and transit, water resources, railroads, aviation and economic development.

There will be a new representative for Oregon's Ninth

District as Caddie McKeown, serving in the position since 2013, has decided not to seek re-election.

As of Wednesday, the Democratic Presidential Primary became a one-person contest following the announcement by candidate Bernie Sanders that he was ending his run, leaving Joe Biden as the lone representative for the Democratic Party's presidential bid. Biden will be facing an unopposed President Donald Trump in the fall. The Democratic primary will award 61 pledged and 14 superdelegates with a 15 percent threshold and are awarded proportionally.

The Republican Presidential Primary awards 28 delegates and is uncontested.

In Lane County, incumbent Clifton G. Harrold is running unopposed for Lane County Sheriff and the

only measure which voters must consider in May is Measure 20-306. This measure is a Lane Community College Bond request for \$121 million, to construct and improve facilities and address safety and technology needs.

May 19 Primary Election

- U.S. President Republican Primary Donald Trump (R) - Incumbent
- Democratic Primary Joe Biden (D)

- U.S. Senate Democratic Primary Jeff Merkley (D) - incumbent, no opposition
- Republican Primary Paul Romero (R)
- Robert Schwartz-(R)
- John Verbeek-(R)

- U.S. House of Representatives: 4th District Peter DeFazio (D) - incumbent

Nelson Ijih (R)
Doyle Canning (D)
Alek Skarlatos (R)

- Oregon Secretary of State Shemia Fagen (D)
- Jamie McLeod-Skinner (D)
- Kim Thatcher (R)
- Mark Haas (D)
- Dave Stauffer (R)

- Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum - incumbent
- Michael Cross (R)

- Oregon Treasurer Tobias Read (D) - incumbent
- Jeff Gudman (R)

- Oregon Supreme Court Position 1 Thomas Balmer - incumbent

- Van Pounds Position 4
- Chris Garrett - incumbent, no opposition
- Position 7 Martha L. Walters - incumbent
- no opposition

- Oregon Court of Appeals

Position 1 Josephine H. Mooney - incumbent, no opposition

Position 9 Jacqueline Kamins - no opposition

Position 11 Joel S. DeVore - incumbent

Position 12 Kyle Krohn

Position 13 Erin C. Lagesen - incumbent, no opposition

- Oregon House of Representatives District 9 Mark Day (D)
- Cal Mukumoto (D)
- Boomer Wright (R)

To register to vote in Oregon, one must be a resident of Oregon, a United States citizen, and at least 16 years old. Voters must be at least 18 years old by the day of the election in order to receive a ballot. Prospective voters can register online or in person at a county elections office, or by mailing in a voter registration form. Deadline to register is 21 days before an election.

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that California, Oregon and Washington have agreed to work together on a shared approach for reopening our economies — one that identifies clear indicators for communities to restart public life and business.

While each state is building a state-specific plan, our states have agreed to the following principles as we build out a West Coast framework:

Our residents' health comes first. As home to one in six Americans and gateway to the rest of the world, the West Coast has an outsized stake in controlling and ultimately defeating COVID-19.

Health outcomes and science — not politics — will guide these decisions. Modifications to our states' stay at home orders must be made

based off our understanding of the total health impacts of COVID-19, including: the direct impact of the disease on our communities; the health impact of measures introduced to control the spread in communities — particularly felt by those already experiencing social disadvantage prior to COVID-19; and our health care systems' ability to ensure care for those who may become sick with COVID-19 and other conditions.

This effort will be guided by data. We need to see a decline in the rate of spread of the virus before large-scale reopening, and we will be working in coordination to identify the best metrics to guide this.

Our states will only be effective by working together. Each state will work with its local leaders and communi-

ties within its borders to understand what's happening on the ground and adhere to our agreed upon approach.

Through quick and decisive action, each of our states has made significant progress in flattening the curve and slowing the spread of COVID-19 among the broader public.

Now, our public health leaders will focus on four goals that will be critical for controlling the virus in the future:

Protecting vulnerable populations at risk for severe disease if infected. This includes a concerted effort to prevent and fight outbreaks in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities.

Ensuring an ability to care for those who may become sick with COVID-19 and other conditions. This will require adequate hospital

surge capacity and supplies of personal protective equipment.

Mitigating the non-direct COVID-19 health impacts, particularly on disadvantaged communities.

Protecting the general public by ensuring any successful lifting of interventions includes the development of a system for testing, tracking and isolating.

The states will work together to share best practices.

COVID-19 doesn't follow state or national boundaries. It will take every level of government, working together, and a full picture of what's happening on the ground.

In the coming days the governors, their staff and health officials will continue conversations about this regional path to recovery.

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- 4) This will run March 29th-April 30th

Cottage Grove has so much to offer and our local restaurants bring so much joy to our town as well. We need to keep supporting them through this as they support us as well. So many town events and sports programs are sponsored by these restaurants. So now it's time to come together and show them some CG love!

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