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## **FIRST-EVER** Congressional District 2 Primary Candidate Virtual Forum

Salem, Oregon - League of Women Voters Oregon announces a bipartisan Congressional Candidates forum moderated by award-winning journalist Les Zaitz. This first-ever candidate forum for all candidates running for the primary for Representative of the US House from Congressional District 2 is organized by the LWV chapters of Deschutes, Klamath, Rogue Valley, Umpqua Valley, and Union County. The forum is designed to help voters learn more about the candidates seeking to represent them in the US Congress.

**When:** Virtual April 30 from 6 to 7:30 pm. OPEN TO ALL. Register here:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83682063885>

Check with the local leagues to see if they are holding in-person “watch parties,” or email [CD2LWV@gmail.com](mailto:CD2LWV@gmail.com) or organize your own watch party.

[LWV Local League Information](#)

Read FAQ’s about this event: [FAQs](#)

### **Confirmed candidates include:**

**Republicans** Peter Larson of Union County and Andrea Carr of Klamath County

**Democrats** Mary Doyle of Deschutes County, Patty Snow, Rebecca Mueller, Peter Quince, and Chris Beck of Jackson County, and Dawn Rasmussen of Wasco County

**Moderator:** Les Zaitz, veteran journalist and owner/editor of the Salem Reporter. Zaitz is a CD2 voter and lives on his family ranch in rural Grant County.

The League of Women Voters appreciates all the candidates for their participation and willingness to answer important questions about their experience, values, and campaign priorities. Please submit your questions by April 25 to: <https://tinyurl.com/CD2Survey>

Questions will be selected by the League organizers and may be edited for brevity, civility, and objectivity, and to reduce duplicate questions. Issues with the greatest number of questions are most likely to be prioritized.

Congressional District 2 for Oregon is the seventh largest Congressional District in the nation, covering more than 69,000 square miles and all or parts of 20 counties. Currently represented by Cliff Bentz (R-Ontario), three Republicans and six Democrats will appear on the primary ballots for this seat in the House of Representatives.

Only voters registered with the Republican and Democratic parties will be eligible to vote in this primary election, but all registered voters are encouraged to watch this forum.

“The League of Women Voters holds a unique status in our American political system,” said Oregon President Mark Kendall. “As a truly nonpartisan organization dedicated to voter education and the support of voting rights for all eligible citizens, you can be assured that this candidates' forum will deliver a civil, objective, and fair conversation, and offer real-time interactions.”

“Over my work life, I spent a great deal of time in rural communities across CD2 and grew to understand the economic and infrastructure challenges, as well as to treasure the unique landscapes. I am quite proud that our five CD2 chapters are working so intensely and collaboratively to bring us together in this first-of-its-kind event.”

For more than 100 years, the League of Women Voters has served as a nonpartisan, grassroots organization that believes voters should play a critical role in defending democracy. The League does not support or oppose any political party or candidate, and therefore does not allow political hats, T-shirts, signs, flyers, campaign materials, or pins at its events.

Despite its name, the League is not limited by gender, and everyone is welcome to attend meetings, sign up for the email list, and join. For more information about the League of Women Voters of Oregon [LWVOR website](#)

## Oregon Congressional Districts Map

