



## **League of Women Voters of Oregon CD2 Congressional Primary Candidates Forum**

Online forum with live watch parties across the district

April 30, 2026, 6 pm PDT

Doors open for watch parties at 5:30 pm

*Organized by the League of Women Voters chapters for Deschutes and Klamath Counties, Rogue Valley, Umpqua Valley, and Union County. Supported by the League of Women Voters of Oregon and the American Democracy Project at Eastern Oregon University.*

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83682063885>

To submit questions: <https://tinyurl.com/CD2Survey>

For details on watch parties, contact: [CD2LWV@gmail.com](mailto:CD2LWV@gmail.com)

### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:**

**Why are these five League of Women Voters chapters hosting just one candidates' forum for this race instead of holding local events in our counties?**

Congressional District 2 is one of the largest by land area in the nation, more than 69,000 square miles and all or part of 20 counties. Within CD2, we have 5 LWV chapters. By offering an online Zoom meeting, we have a better chance of gathering all the candidates together, and we can open this to everyone within CD2 and not just to those few counties with chapters.

We also understand that the candidates are very busy with a great many requests to appear at meetings, events and forums. This hybrid Zoom and Watch Party forum is designed to make efficient use of both their time and your time. We also believe that people who haven't been on the road for seven hours may be refreshed and ready to share their best ideas.

**How is the League of Voters candidates' forum different from the Republican and Democratic candidates' forums we are seeing now?**

The LWV is staunchly nonpartisan. This forum features both Republican and Democratic candidates, allowing us to hear from people with differing viewpoints and hopefully limit partisan noise. Our commitment to civil discourse requires that we listen carefully and objectively, ensure that questions are fair and consistent and give the candidates the opportunity to make their case directly to the public without the filter of a major party lens.

We respect and support the political parties in holding their own events and believe these serve an important role as well.



**You mentioned hybrid online and watch parties? How does this work? Do I need to register, and do I have to be a member of the League of Women Voters?**

This is a little confusing. The candidates' forum itself is on the Zoom platform, so the candidates will appear in a "Hollywood Squares" type screen, just like most virtual meetings. However, an experienced media company is working with us to manage that flow, so for the most part you will be able to focus on the speaker.

You will not appear on the screen. If you choose to forgo a watch party and link up via your smartphone or computer, you can wear your pajamas, and no one will know. (See next question for more info.)

You do not need a Zoom account to participate. Simply click on the link to join, and after the website pops up, choose the "Join from your Browser" link. You will be prompted to allow Zoom permission to use your microphone and camera.

The LWV events are always open to the public. You may decide to sign up for our email list or even become a member, but you don't have to.

LWV events are always nonpartisan, focused on encouraging eligible citizens to vote and to participate in civil, objective discussions. We do not allow political hats, t-shirts, pins, signs, or other partisan materials at our events. The CD2 congressional candidates may have volunteers in attendance at the watch parties, but neither their volunteers nor candidates in other races will be given time to speak.

**I can't make it in person to the watch party; can I still watch and participate?**

Absolutely! Anyone with a smartphone or computer can attend via Zoom. However, we are limited to 500 Zoom participants, so you will want to join a few minutes early. As stated above, you can wear your pjs and are not required to comb your hair.

**Question for Metro East and LWVOR - facebook live and registration**

**No need to register,** although you can reach out to [CD2LWV@gmail.com](mailto:CD2LWV@gmail.com) and let us know you're planning to join. Simply follow this Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83682063885> on April 30 about 5:50 pm.

**My county does not have an LWV chapter, how can I participate?**

You have two great options. You can set up your own watch party in your community and invite friends and neighbors just as the LWV is in the counties with chapters.

Or as stated above, you can zoom in from your home.



**With so many counties and so many people, how do I get my questions answered? If I think of something during the forum, can I write a question into the chat?**

So many questions about questions, right? Because if you are asking, you care deeply about democracy and want to be sure this is a robust and honest discussion.

People are asked to submit their questions in advance using this form <https://tinyurl.com/CD2Survey>. You may choose to submit up to three questions.

All the questions will be sorted and may be compiled and edited to reduce duplication and support civility and objectivity. The issues we hear about most will be more likely to make the top of the priority list. That's why it's really important that we hear directly from you.

We expect up to 9 candidates total, and questions will be limited, so each person has time to respond. While many of us love the chat function, it can be really distracting and pull the audience away from the presenter, so unfortunately, we will not use chat for this event.

**If my questions still aren't answered, how can I learn more about the candidates?**

Please follow up with candidates you are interested in learning more about. Each candidate has a website or social media presence. You can also visit [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org) where these and other candidates may have responded to our nonpartisan surveys. You'll get information on other events and forums and be able to check your voter registration and update that as needed.

The League does not endorse or oppose any candidate or party. Our job is to encourage eligible citizens to vote and help them get good information in a civil and productive manner.

**I can't make it to the candidates' forum, but I'd like to watch afterward.**

We encourage you to watch the YouTube video which will be posted within 10 days after our candidates' forum. The League of Women Voters chapters across this congressional district are deeply invested in voter education and participation. We want you to have as much information as possible before you mark your ballot.

**What should I know about voting in Oregon? Will all these candidates be on my ballot?**

Oregon is a vote-by-mail state. You can use your driver's license or state ID number to register to vote or update your registration. Ballots are uniquely identified with bar codes, and your signature is verified with the county elections office.

This Congressional race is a partisan primary. Only voters registered with one of the majority parties can vote for one of these candidates. For instance, if you wish to vote for Cliff Bentz, Andrea Carr, or Peter Larson, you must be registered as a Republican.



The voter registration deadline is April 28. You can update your registration using [VOTE411.org](https://vote411.org). Non-affiliated and third-party voters will still have a vote in the nonpartisan county commissioners, clerks, and other races, and everyone will have the same ballot in the general election.

**Why does the League of Women Voters focus on women and not everyone?**

Great question! The League of Women Voters was established as a result of the Suffragette's Movement, which began before the Civil War, and finally won the right for women to vote in 1920. LWV has expanded to include all genders, but we maintain the name to honor the brave women who fought to have a voice in our democracy.

For more information about The League of Women Voters Oregon, visit <https://www.lwvor.org/>

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