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Board of County Commissioners to vote on new state senator September 24 Wheeler asks community to submit interview questions

Multnomah County's Board of County Commissioners will interview finalists and choose a new state senator for District 22 in North and Northeast Portland on September 24. Multnomah County Chair Ted Wheeler is asking community members to suggest questions for the interviews via social media and other means.

The Oregon Senate seat is vacant due to the resignation of Margaret Carter. The Multnomah County Democratic Central Committee will meet on September 17 to select finalists to fill the vacancy. Under Oregon law (and because Carter was elected as a Democrat) the Democratic Party will select three to five candidates and forward those names to the Board of County Commissioners who will pick one to serve as state senator.

The Board of County Commissioners will interview the finalists and make a selection beginning at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 24 in the County Boardroom at 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd. in Portland. The meeting will be broadcast live on Cable Channel 30 and will be available on the [World Wide Web](#) as streaming video or audio.

Wheeler is asking the public to use [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to submit questions, but any method of submission is welcome. "While social media is particularly convenient, I'm happy to consider questions scrawled on the back of envelopes or on cocktail napkins." He is not, however, promising to use every question submitted. "If we get thousands of suggestions, I can only use a few," he said.

Wheeler plans to ask each candidate to make a five-minute opening statement followed by questions from county commissioners and then the vote. Officials from the Oregon Secretary of State's Office will be present to monitor the process and verify the outcome.

Wheeler invites suggestions for questions on his Facebook page (www.facebook.com/TedWheelerOregon), via Twitter (@tedwheeler, or #Dist22), by email (mult.chair@co.multnomah.or.us), by US mail at 501 SE Hawthorne, Suite 600 Portland OR 97214, by Fax to 503.988.3093 or by phone (short questions, please) at 503.988.3308.

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