

Dallas

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Democrat

- Jason Benell

Dallas County supervisor District 2

District 2 represents the largest geographical area of the county, including the central and northern areas of Adel, Bouton, Dallas Center, Dawson, Minburn, Perry and Woodward.

Republican

- Julia Helm

Dallas County supervisor District 3

District 3 includes southwestern Waukee, a west-central area of West Des Moines and areas at the southern edge of the county, including De Soto, Dexter, Linden, Redfield and Van Meter.

Republican

- Kim Chapman

Democrat

- Michael Kern
- Patricia K. Tice

Dallas County supervisor District 4

District 4 represents northern and eastern Waukee.

Republican

- Marsha Bannister
- Lance Farrell

Democrat

- Ben Nizzi

Dallas County supervisor District 5

District 5 includes the parts of Clive, Granger, Grimes and Urbandale that are in Dallas County, as well as Grant Township and Walnut Township north of Waukee.

Republican

- Oliver Bardwell
- Dave Roszak

Democrat

- Julie Bautista

County attorney

- Matt Schultz, Republican

County treasurer

- Summer Portzen, Republican

County recorder

- ReNae Arnold, Republican

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IOWA PRIMARY BALLOT

What to know about U.S. House candidates

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The primary ballots are set for Iowa's U.S. House races following the end of the filing period for candidates seeking congressional seats representing Iowa.

Three races — all except for deeply conservative northwest Iowa's 4th Congressional District contest — are among national Democrats' top targets for the 2026 midterms and will help decide which party controls Congress.

Republicans are looking to defend incumbent Republican Reps. Mariannette Miller-Meeks and Zach Nunn in the high-profile 1st and 3rd congressional district races. Democrats are pushing hard to oust the two lawmakers.

The races for the other two of Iowa's four House districts are open after the GOP incumbents pivoted to run for other offices. Rep. Ashley Hinson in the 2nd District is campaigning for Iowa's open U.S. Senate seat and Rep. Randy Feenstra in the 4th District is in the competitive Republican primary for Iowa governor.

Candidates for Iowa's congressional offices needed to gather 1,726 signatures, including at least 47 signatures apiece from half their respective district's counties, to make it onto the ballot. Citizens or other campaigns have until 5 p.m. March 20 to challenge their submitted paperwork.

Iowa's 2026 primary elections are scheduled for June 2.

Here's a look at who made it onto Iowa's primary ballots for congressional offices.

1st Congressional District

The 1st District spans 20 counties in southeastern Iowa, including the cities of Iowa City, Davenport, Indianola and Keokuk.

US Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks, Republican

U.S. Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks, a Republican, is running for a fourth term representing the 1st District in Congress.

A former ophthalmologist and Army veteran who lives outside the district in Ottumwa, Miller-Meeks was first elected in 2020, prevailing over Democrat Rita Hart by just six votes in what was then the state's 2nd Congressional District.

She has picked up an endorsement from President Donald Trump and other top Republicans this cycle.

In Congress, she serves on the House Energy and Commerce Committee and the Veterans Affairs Committee.

David Pautsch, Republican

David Pautsch, a businessman and founder of the Quad Cities Prayer Breakfast, is mounting another GOP primary challenge against Miller-Meeks.

Despite Trump's endorsement of Miller-Meeks, Pautsch continues to bill himself as the self-proclaimed "MAGA Republican" in the race. He touted his early support of Trump in 2016 and in the 2024 Iowa Caucuses.

Pautsch came within 12 percentage points of Miller-Meeks in the 2024 primary race despite raising less than \$40,000 and having relatively low name recognition.

Christina Bohannon, Democrat

Christina Bohannon, a University of Iowa law professor from Iowa City, is trying a third time to unseat Miller-Meeks.

When she launched her campaign in June, Bohannon said Iowans are "so disheartened about the dysfunction, the division that they're seeing in Washington, D.C." She narrowly lost to Miller-Meeks in 2024, falling less than 800 votes short.

She represented Iowa City for one two-year term in the Iowa House until 2023.

Travis Terrell, Democrat

Travis Terrell, a Democrat and University of Iowa Health Care employee from Tiffin, said he is running to be a voice in Washington, D.C., for working-class and progressive Iowans.

Terrell said he started working at age 13 to help pay bills. He attended Indian Hills Community College to study electronic technology.

2nd Congressional District

The 2nd District covers 22 counties in northeast Iowa and includes Cedar Rapids, Waterloo, Dubuque and Mason City.

Kathy Dolter, Democrat

Democrat Kathy Dolter, a U.S. Army veteran and former dean of nursing at Kirkwood Community College, announced her campaign for the 2nd District seat in July.

Dolter, of Dubuque, served 20 years on active duty in the U.S. Army and three years in the reserves. She has led nursing programs at the University of Dubuque, Mount Mercy University and Kirkwood.

State Rep. Lindsay James, Democrat

Democratic state Rep. Lindsay James launched her 2nd District campaign on Aug. 19, saying "too many hardworking Iowans are being forced to make impossible choices."

James, of Dubuque, was first elected to the Iowa House in 2018 and is serving her fourth term. She serves as the ranking member on the House Judiciary Committee and sits on the Commerce, Environmental Protection and Ways and Means committees. She is an ordained Presbyterian pastor.

Clint Twedt-Ball, Democrat

Clint Twedt-Ball, a Cedar Rapids Democrat, launched his campaign July 22 after a career in community development that helped fuel the revitalization of a flood-devastated neighborhood in Iowa's second-largest city.

He is the former executive director of Matthew 25, a nonprofit he founded with his brother in 2006. It has worked to repair and build homes and increase healthy food access, especially after the 2008 flood destroyed or damaged a section of Cedar Rapids west of the Cedar River.

State Sen. Charlie McClintock, Republican

State Sen. Charlie McClintock, a Republican from Alburnett, is drawing on his state legislative track record in his congressional bid.

He was elected to the Iowa House in 2020, then to the Iowa Senate in 2022, representing Linn and Benton counties.

McClintock served in the Iowa Army National Guard for 21 years and retired as a warrant officer in 2009. He started his career in law enforcement in 1991 and retired in July from the Cedar Rapids Police Department, where he managed the joint communications 911 center.

He also previously served on the Alburnett City Council and as mayor.

Former state Rep. Joe Mitchell, Republican

Joe Mitchell, a former state representative, Trump administration official and real estate developer, launched his campaign Sept. 8.

Mitchell, who lives in Clear Lake, served in the

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President David Cook gives advice to Iowa State students

With the large number of opportunities at Iowa State, Cook encouraged students step outside their comfort zone.

"There are so many things to do on a campus like this," Cook said. "Try something different, join a club. If it doesn't work, that's okay."

He said if students are struggling, they can always ask for help.

"We have amazing staff here who care deeply," Cook said. "If you need a little bit of help, ask, because there are people here who want you to be successful."

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