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## “OREGON ATTORNEY GENERAL: WHICH VISION WILL PREVAIL?” candidates John Kroger and Greg MacPherson debate April 25

This year the Oregon primary really counts for something - no, not the Hillary-Obama campaign. This year the Democrats of Oregon will select our next Attorney General; the Republicans did not field a candidate; and barring any third candidate petition during the summer\*. The Attorney General of Oregon is head of the largest law firm in the state - the Oregon Department of Justice (DOJ) - which serves the interests of the citizens of Oregon and represents the State in lawsuits, either as defendants or plaintiffs.

Just how the attorney general will do the job is the question when law professor John Kroger and legislator Greg MacPherson meet for a debate at the April 25 meeting of Salem City Club.

**John Kroger** is a law professor at the Lewis & Clark College of Law where he has won the Levenson award for teaching excellence - twice. He is a former federal prosecutor and in 1999 he was given the Director's Award for Outstanding Performance as an Assistant US attorney for winning a case against a mafia kingpin. He is also a former Marine and a graduate of Yale University and Harvard Law School. Like many people here, he fell in love with Oregon on a visit - this one a bicycle trip.

**Greg MacPherson**, on the other hand, was born and raised in Oregon on a farm in Linn County. He is a three-term state representative for House District 38 and chairs the Judiciary Committee. In 2007 he was instrumental in developing the legislation which became Measure 49. He is chair of the Multnomah County Planning Commission. Mr. MacPherson has been an attorney in private practice for 30 years, specializing in employee benefits. He has been recognized for excellence in Best Lawyers in America and Oregon Super lawyers. He earned his undergraduate degree at Harvard and his J.D. at Georgetown Law School.

Professor Kroger and Rep. MacPherson have **contrasting views on the role of the Attorney General** and this is a wonderful opportunity for Salem City Club to evaluate the candidates. While only Democrats will be voting, the Attorney General represents all Oregonians and everyone should be interested in what these candidates have to offer us.

Please join us on April 25 for this important debate. For lunch reservations email nelalind@aol.com or call 503-589-2975 before noon Tuesday, April 22, 2008. The community is welcomed and encouraged to join us! There is no charge to attend the program at noon. Parking is free. Doors open at 11:30 AM. For more information on this program, about costs for different lunch options, and directions to the event, please go to [www.salemcityclub.com](http://www.salemcityclub.com).

*\*If this is the case, a third candidate filing during the summer, Salem City Club will work to assure a program of the AG candidates in the fall. SCC is dedicated to providing opportunities for candidates to be heard.*

When: Friday, April 25, 2008; 11:40 lunch | Noon Program  
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