

# U.S. House set to vote at noon on nomination of Ohio's Jim Jordan as next speaker

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U.S. Rep. Jim Jordan, a longtime Ohio member of Congress and a conservative firebrand, is close to getting the votes he needs to become the next speaker of the House.

A vote is set for noon on Tuesday.

In a letter sent to members on Monday, Jordan said "the principles that unite us as Republicans are far greater than the disagreements that divide us."

The U.S. House has been without a speaker for two weeks. U.S. House Speaker Kevin McCarthy was voted out Oct. 3 when he brokered a deal with Democrats to avoid a government shutdown.

Jordan, R-Urbana, announced Oct. 4 that he intended to run for speaker. Jordan defeated Rep. Austin Scott, R-Ga., who made a surprise entrance into the speaker's race hours earlier as an anti-Jordan alternative.

Over the weekend and on Monday, Jordan and his supporters went after holdouts trying to win them over.

Jordan needs 217 votes, nearly all of the House GOP majority, to win the speakership. Democrats are expected to support House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries, D-N.Y. Jordan fell more than 50 votes short during a caucus vote on Friday.

Jordan has represented Ohio's 4th congressional district since 2007 and chairs the House Judiciary Committee.