Republican Keith Faber announces run for Ohio attorney general

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Republican Keith Faber, who is currently in his second term as state auditor, is running for Ohio attorney general. The election isn't until November 2026.

"The most important thing I want to do as attorney general is improve the processes that we can do to justice for Ohioans," he said in a <u>video</u> posted on X.

He said as auditor, he loves "catching people lying, stealing and <u>cheating with</u> government money" and he sees the attorney general's office as a bigger stage for doing justice for Ohioans.

The attorney general runs the largest public interest law firm in the state with 1,400 employees. The attorney general represents all state agencies, serves as a special prosecutor upon request, runs the state crime labs and collects debts owed to the state.

Faber is seeking to replace Republican Dave Yost as attorney general. Yost and Faber both face term limits and cannot run again for their current posts.

Yost announced he's <u>running for governor</u>. He is expected to be joined in the GOP gubernatorial primary by Ohio Treasurer Robert Sprague and businessman <u>Vivek Ramaswamy</u>. Democrat <u>Amy Acton</u> is running for governor as well.

Who is Keith Faber?

Faber, of Celina, spent 18 years in the Ohio General Assembly, including as senate president.

In 2019, Faber became state auditor, in charge of financial and performance audits and a special unit focused on fraud and corruption.

He <u>campaigned against Issue 1</u> on the November 2024 ballot that would've changed Ohio's system for drawing political maps. Faber served on the <u>Ohio Redistricting Commission</u>.

He holds an undergraduate degree from Oakland University in Michigan and a law degree from Ohio State University.