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KCPBS to Livestream Debates with District Attorney Candidates

Candidates will take the stage this week ahead of 2020 election

Kansas City, MO, October 6, 2020 - Kansas City PBS will livestream an extended presentation of *Justice on the Ballot*, a pair of back-to-back debates between prosecutor candidates on both sides of the state line on [Facebook](#) Tuesday, October 6, at 10 a.m. Recorded versions of the program will air Wednesday, October 7, at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. on Channel 19.1.

Hosted by Nick Haines and presented in collaboration with the Johnson County Bar Association, *Justice on the Ballot* will feature a matchup of 2020 candidates Jackson County Prosecutor Jean Peters Baker as she squares off against her challenger, Blue Springs City Prosecutor Tracey Chappell; followed by Johnson County District Attorney Steve Howe facing former Johnson County Public Defender Zach Thomas.

This election year justice is on the ballot. Repeated police killings of Black Americans has sparked protests here and across the country. The current national reckoning on racial inequality is leading Americans to grapple with questions of systemic racism throughout the criminal justice system. While the focus is on police, there's new scrutiny on the role prosecutors play in determining who gets charged, for what, why and through plea bargaining agreements, for how long.

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