

Athens Grow Green *Runoff* Scorecard

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SUPERDISTRICT 9

Tom Chasteen (D, I) ★★★

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Jim Ponsoldt (D) ★★★★★

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The current Mayor and a majority of the Commission have presided over the dismantling of that vision, through large-scale decisions like the passage of the pro-sprawl Zoning Ordinance in 2000, and through numerous individual rezonings and variances. If you are as concerned about these issues as we are, please vote on Sept. 10! **Even if you did not vote in the primary elections, you may vote in the Democratic Runoff if you were registered to vote before July 22.** The only people who cannot vote in this election are those who voted in the August 20 Republican primary.

Who we elect *matters*. Grow Green has given our highest ratings to challengers Heidi Davison and Jim Ponsoldt because we believe they will work effectively to implement our shared vision for Athens.

Your vote matters! Please vote for a change on Sept. 10.

Sincerely,

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