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Another challenger has entered the ring for the May 9 Burleson City Council election.

Mark Hotchkiss is challenging incumbent Dan McClendon for the Place 5 seat. Six candidates have filed for three places on the Burleson City Council. Place 3 incumbent Jerry W. Allen has drawn two challengers - John Garrison and Shannan Sutter. Place 1 incumbent Stuart Gillaspie has not drawn an opponent. The filing period ends Friday, Feb. 27, at 5 p.m.

Place 1

- Stuart Gillaspie, 52, is a transportation manager. Gillaspie is a lifelong resident of Texas and Burleson.

Place 3

- Jerry W. Allen, 66, is a self-employed real estate investor. Allen has lived in Texas for 47 years and in Burleson for 26 continuous years.
- John Garrison, 52, is a business owner. Garrison is a lifelong resident of Texas and has lived in Burleson for 41 continuous years.
- Shannan Sutter, 43, is an administrative assistant. She is a lifelong resident of Texas and has lived in Burleson for six continuous years.

Place 5

- Dan McClendon, 62, is a construction contractor. McClendon is a lifelong resident of Texas and has lived in Burleson for 38 continuous years.
- Mark Hotchkiss, 51, is employed in financial planning. He has lived in Burleson for just shy of five years and in Burleson continuously for four years and seven months.

The 2015 election is for three-year terms. Candidates must be at least 18 years old on the date they apply for a place on the ballot; a citizen of the United States; a qualified voter of the city; a resident of the city or have resided in the city for at least one year immediately preceding the date of the election; and not be delinquent in the payment of property due to the City.

If you want to represent your neighbors on the Burleson City Council, candidate packets are available at city hall, in the city secretary's office, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.,

Monday-Friday. The candidate packet is also posted on the City website, <http://bit.ly/2015cityelection>.

If you haven't registered to vote, the deadline to do so and still be eligible to vote in the May 9 city council election is April 9. You need to register with the county in which you reside. Go to the Texas Secretary of State Voter Registration page, <http://bit.ly/2015voterregistration>.

Early voting starts April 27 at Burleson City Hall, 141 W. Renfro St. For more information, contact the city secretary's office at 817-426-9662 or elections@burlesontx.com.