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As of 2 p.m. on Jan. 29, all three incumbents and one challenger have submitted their paperwork for the May 9, 2015, Burleson City Council election.

Dan McClendon, Place 5, was the first to throw his hat in the ring on Jan. 28, the first day to file. He is the incumbent and mayor pro tem. McClendon was followed Wednesday by John Garrison, who filed as a challenger for Place 3, and Jerry W. Allen, the Place 3 incumbent. Stuart Gillaspie filed for his Place 1 seat today, Jan. 29.

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.

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.

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.

The filing period ends Friday, Feb. 27, at 5 p.m. 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 and at the city council meetings on Feb. 2 and Feb. 16. The work sessions start at 6 p.m. and the council meetings start at 7 p.m. 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.