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Jerry W. Allen, the Place 3 incumbent on Burleson City Council, withdrew his name from the May 9 election last night. He filed his intent to withdraw, in writing, at the March 2 Burleson City Council meeting.

What was a five-way race for Place 3 on Feb. 27 (the last day to file) is now a four-way race. Those vying for the Place 3 seat in May are John Garrison, Shannan Sutter, Curtis E. Hawk, and DanO Strong. The Place 5 race is also contested. Mark Hotchkiss filed against incumbent Dan McClendon. Stuart Gillaspie did not draw a challenger for his Place 1 seat.

Place 1

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

Place 3

- 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.
- Curtis E. Hawk, 72, is retired. He is a lifelong resident of Texas and has lived in Burleson for more than 12 years.
- DanO Strong, 60, is a consultant. He has lived in Texas for 19 continuous years and has been a Burleson resident for 15 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 Texas for just shy of five years and in Burleson continuously for four years and seven months.

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.