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12 in council race

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Twelve candidates have taken out candidate papers to run for the five seats up for grabs on the Palo Alto City Council this November. And there's still 2½ weeks before the filing deadline.

Only one, incumbent Larry Klein, has formally filed. But several of the 11 others have indicated they are definitely running. In alphabetical order, these are the candidates who have taken out papers. Not all of them could be reached yesterday for comment.

Dan Dykwel, 57, of 480 Gary Court is a Realtor and is president of the PTA Council. He has been involved in numerous community activities, including the Black & White Ball. He ran unsuccessfully two years ago.

Victor Frost, 61, a panhandler, listed his address as telephone pole #19 at the corner of Page Mill Road and Park Boulevard. He ran unsuccessfully twice for council.

Tim Gray, 49, of 4173 Park Blvd., is a CPA and a business consultant with Lucile Packard Children's Hospital. His main concern is the financial status of the city. Because his wife works for Stanford, he would likely have to recuse himself in voting on Stanford issues. He ran unsuccessfully for council two years ago.

Karen Holman, 60, of 725 Homer Ave., has served on the Planning and Transportation Commission including as chair of the group. She ran an unsuccessful campaign four years ago.

Larry Klein, 71, of 872 Seale Ave., is a lawyer, a three-time mayor, and is running for his fourth term on council.

Leon Leong, 52, of 138 Byron St., is a Realtor who is campaigning on three issues: regulating zoning to take into account the effects of high-density projects on schools and traffic; the economic vitality of the city, and the growing city budget.

Roger Mansell, 73, of 550 Santa Rita Ave., is a retired publisher. He worries about the city's financial future, saying "we may go bankrupt and no one seems to care." He also wants airport land used to ensure the airport's and the community's needs are met and to let more volunteers help the police and fire departments and lessen the number of new hires.

Gail Price, 61, of 4082 Orme St., is executive director of the American Institute of Architects, Santa Clara County chapter. She is running because of her background in city planning, land use and transportation; she is a former board member of the Palo Alto Unified School District.

Greg Scharff, 46, of 445 Seale Ave., is an attorney. He says he is concerned about the economic health of the city. He opposes the business tax and wants to increase the involvement of younger people in the community.

Nancy Shepherd, 55, of 1556 Madrone Ave., is a managerial accountant who has been involved in many community organizations and worked as a fundraiser. She thinks Palo Alto faces "a huge financial problem."

Brian Steen, 59, of 877 Moana Court, is a land-use consultant and a self-described "conservation leader." He favors environmental protection for the city, wants Palo Alto to be on a sound financial footing so "there is no downturn in public services" and is alarmed about money the state is taking from the city.

Mark Weiss, 45, of 1788 Oak Creek Drive #217, is a producer of concerts and head of Earthwise Productions. He is interested in how the arts interact with public projects; he favors more bicycle paths, wants to extend library hours and is an environmentalist.

Candidates must file their candidacy papers by Aug. 12.



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