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## Lewisville: Gorena, Rochelle file as Place 4 candidates

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John Gorena and Marjorie (Margie) Rochelle filed Tuesday as candidates for Place 4 on the Lewisville City Council.

Gorena filed Tuesday morning and Rochelle filed late Tuesday afternoon.

As of late Tuesday, Gorena and Rochelle were the only two candidates seeking to replace Dean Ueckert. Ueckert has filed as a candidate for mayor, to replace Gene Carey, who is not seeking re-election after having served nine years as mayor.

Ueckert will continue in the Place 4 position until he is replaced by whoever is elected either on May 9 or in a runoff election. His term as Place 4 councilman expires next year, so candidates for Place 4 are seeking to fill his unexpired term.

Gorena ran unsuccessfully last year against Place 1 incumbent Greg Tierney. Gorena received almost 38 percent of the votes cast in that election.

Gorena, 46, has been a resident of Lewisville for the past 21 years. He has attended most city council workshops and council meetings for more than a year.

Rochelle, 49, is a medical billing specialist. She has been a resident of Texas for 28 years and of Lewisville for 12 years and four months.

As of late Tuesday, Ueckert had not drawn an opponent for the mayor position.

Also, the term of Place 2 Councilman David Thornhill expires this year. Thornhill filed as a candidate for re-election of Feb. 7, and as of late Tuesday, had not drawn an opponent.

Ueckert has served on the city council since 1998 and Thornhill has served since 2006.

Candidate packets may be picked up in the city secretary's office at Lewisville City Hall between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. March 9 is the final day to file as a candidate.

According to the Lewisville City Code, the mayor and council candidates run at large. A candidate must be a qualified voter, must have lived in the city for at least one year prior to the election, must not be in arrears in the payment of any taxes or other liabilities due to the city and shall not hold any other office or employment under the city government while he is a member of the city council.

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