

Filing period wraps up for some extended Valley races

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Nominations closed Wednesday for a handful of local offices where the incumbent chose not to seek a new term. Most of the candidates had already qualified last Friday, when nominations for most offices closed. Several candidates completed their paperwork this week.

Here's a rundown on the seats where the filing period was extended, and who qualified.

Fresno County

District 1 Supervisor

Brian Pacheco, school trustee/farmer; Gary Yep, Kerman mayor/small businessman; John C. Flores, pastor; Blong Xiong, Fresno city council member; Frank Maldonado, teacher/construction carpenter.

District 4 Supervisor

Buddy Mendes, farmer/small business man; Daniel Parra, Fowler City Council member/military contractor; Steve Rapada, contracts officer; Magdalena Z. Gomez, financial legal coordinator; Amandip Singh Gill, no ballot designation given.

Kings County

District 4 Supervisor

Dolores Gallegos, a retired teacher and former Hanford council member; Craig Pedersen, farmer/business manager; Sue Sorensen, business owner/hygienist and former council member and school board member in Hanford; Justin Bond, U.S. Army, retired; Alan Danielson, businessman.

Assessor/Clerk/Recorder

Dan Chin, independent businessman; A. Renee Faber, appraiser III; Kristine Lee, chief auditor-appraiser; Ed Lopez, appraiser, contractor.

Madera County

District 1 Supervisor

Ray Krause Jr., winegrower/businessman; Brett F. Frazier, small business owner; Gary Johns, small business man; Rochelle Minneti Noblett, business owner; Mona Diaz, trustee/marketing director.

Sheriff-Coroner

Jay Varney, Chowchilla police chief; Michael Salvador, undersheriff; Dennis L. Fairbanks, retired California Highway Patrol supervisor; Michael B. Kime, retired Madera police chief; Greg Noll, a Fresno police sergeant; Frank Gauthier, corporate security manager.

Assessor

Scott Runtzel, an appraiser/broker; Gary L. Svanda, retired financial adviser.

Tulare County

Sheriff-Coroner

Dave Whaley, retired undersheriff; Mike Boudreaux, acting sheriff.

Porterville City Council

(Vote for 2) John "Juan" Duran, retired inmate supervisor; Larry Harper, real estate broker; Shawn Cable, correctional sergeant; Pete V. McCracken, incumbent; Milt Stowe, retired recreation director; Matthew Green, law clerk; Shawn Schwartzenberger, retired hull technician; Russell R. Fletcher, student/business owner; Christopher Morton, no ballot designation.

Dinuba City Council

In other Tulare County election news, Dinuba Council Member Janet Hinesly is the target of a recall election. Nathaniel "Nate" Mendoza, a reverend, is the only candidate on the ballot to replace Hinesly if the recall succeeds.