

Editorial: For Council: Marlino, Grieve, Holman, Della Volpe, Brown

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For the Knoxville City Council race, it has been the briefest of respites for the 10 candidates who passed the primary exam on Sept. 22 and had to prepare for a bigger final exam only three weeks later.

Early voting for the Nov. 3 election, which is citywide, begins today and runs through Oct. 29. The 10 candidates represent the two winners in each of the five districts where seats are on the ballot. Because of term limits, there are no incumbents.

The following are the News Sentinel's endorsements.

n District 1: A native of Oak Ridge, Robert Marlino received a bachelor's degree in architecture from the University of Tennessee. His passion is studying urban design. He has worked with Knox Heritage and the East Tennessee Community Design Center. He advocates sustainable growth along the South Knoxville waterfront, the Vestal community and the Chapman Highway corridor. He says he will work to strengthen neighborhoods while preserving open spaces, ridge tops and historic buildings.

n District 2: Duane Grieve, who won the primary balloting over two opponents, has been a tireless worker in many venues that will make him a strong member of council. An architect, Grieve was instrumental in restoring Emory Place, and his firm restored the Miller's Building on Gay Street. He has been president of Scenic Knoxville and has been a community advocate in Bearden and Sequoyah Hills. He is a board member of the Knoxville Historic Zoning Commission and the Downtown YMCA.

n District 3: Gerry Holman, winner in the district primary over three other candidates, says he has lived in five of the six council districts and, therefore, can gauge the city's pulse more accurately. He has held a variety of executive jobs and says he wants to make Knoxville a more business-friendly city and be an advocate for homeowners.

n District 4: This race features two strong candidates with differing backgrounds, but we give Nick Della Volpe the edge in representing the district that runs from the Holston River to Black Oak Ridge. Della Volpe is a 36-year resident of Knoxville who

has a broad base of experience beginning with work in Town Hall East in the 1970s. A retired lawyer, Della Volpe believes he can use his experience on council issues, especially the budget process in a tight economy. That experience will be an asset on the council

n District 6: Daniel Brown was the primary winner and believes ordinary people who are solid citizens are best for public office. A graduate of Austin High School and Tennessee State University, Brown is an Army veteran and is retired from the U.S. Postal Service. He plans to expand constituent service in his district, hold quarterly neighborhood meetings and work with neighborhood watch groups to fight drugs and crime.

We believe Robert Marlino, Duane Grieve, Gerry Holman, Nick Della Volpe and Daniel Brown will prove to be strong additions to City Council.



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