

Candidates line up for council, mayoral seats

By The Star's staff

Kansas City voters will go to the polls Tuesday to decide who will face off in the general election March 25.

The mayor's primary race features Kay Barnes, Stanford Glazer, Mary De Shon and Anne Wedow. The two top voter-getters will advance to the general election.

Barnes, 64, is seeking re-election and pledges more effective and efficient delivery of basic services and says she will continue to promote more housing and economic development.

Stanford Glazer, 71, is a retired businessman who opposes a downtown arena and wants to re-energize downtown with housing, schools, grocery stores and entertainment.

Mary De Shon, 49, is a telecommunications consultant who wants to reduce wasteful city spending and switch the city to a strong mayor form of government.

Anne Wedow, 48, is a retired fire battalion chief who wants to eliminate waste in city spending, increase the pace of infrastructure maintenance and restrict tax breaks to developers.

In the City Council races, the two top vote-getters will advance to the general election.

1st District At-large

In the 1st District at-large race, Deb Hermann is running against Joe Galetti.

Hermann, 48, is a homemaker who has been president of the Grace-mor Randolph Community Council

and a member of the city's Community Policing Task Force. She has served on the Kansas City Plan Commission and the KC-GO Competitive Review Committee.

Hermann said she will be a staunch advocate for neighborhood preservation and community policing. She touts herself as an independent candidate who is not tied to any special interests.

Galetti, 63, is a retired captain with the Kansas City Fire Department. He served 32 years with the department, where he developed arson prevention and fire education programs.

He also has coordinated or assisted with several fund-raising drives, including one for the Firefighters Fountain near Penn Valley Park.

Galetti said his top priorities are balancing the budget, helping the poor and maintaining basic services.

1st District In-district

The 1st District in-district race features former state Rep. Bill Skaggs and Andrew Inzerillo, a retired insurance salesman.

Skaggs, 61, served 20 years in the Missouri General Assembly, but was barred by term limits from running for re-election last year. He said his experience in dealing with Kansas City issues while serving in the legislature makes him the best candidate.

Inzerillo, 79, who relishes a gadfly role, complains that the city has spent unwisely and unfairly hired employees in the name of diversity. He wants the city to eliminate downtown parking meters and for the council to take a more active

role to improve the school district.

2nd District At-large

Incumbent Bonnie Sue Cooper, 69, is unopposed.

2nd District In-district

The 2nd District race features two men with long records of civic service, Terry Ward and John Fairfield.

Ward, 54, has served on the North Kansas City School Board since 1995 and is currently the board president. He is involved or has been involved with the Greater Kansas City Area Chamber of Commerce, LINC Commission, Northland Betterment Committee and

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1ST DISTRICT (At-large)

JOE GALETTI



Galetti

Riverfront Park

- Integrate the ambulance service into the Fire Department, using paramedic firefighters
- Add more police officers to the Northland

■ Age: 63
■ Address: 5425 N. Virginia Ave.
■ Occupation: Retired fire captain
■ Stances:
— Build the world's largest fountain at Richard L. Berkley

DEB HERMANN



Hermann

■ Age: 48
■ Address: 7728 N.E. 51st Terrace
■ Occupation: Homemaker
■ Stances:
— Fund capital maintenance at the highest level possible
— Consolidate the city's fleet maintenance operations
— Will not approve any development where storm drainage studies cannot assure that the drainage will be adequately dealt with

1ST DISTRICT (In-district)

ANDREW INZERILLO



Inzerillo

- Take a more active role in trying to improve the Kansas City School District
- Impose a bottle-deposit law
- Cut the mayor and council's pay by 20 percent

■ Age: 79
■ Address: 4661 N.E. Gladstone Ave.
■ Occupation: Retired insurance salesman
■ Stances:

BILL SKAGGS



Skaggs

■ Age: 61
■ Address: 3509 N. Park St.
■ Occupation: Public relations representative for a bank
■ Stances:
— Carry out recommendations of FOCUS master plan
— Improve public transit service to Kansas City International Airport
— Rehabilitate old houses and water works plant in the Northeast

2ND DISTRICT (At-large)

BONNIE SUE COOPER



Cooper

■ Age: 69
■ Address: 413 N.W. 58th St.
■ Occupation: Kansas City Council member since 1999

2ND DISTRICT (In-district)

JOHN FAIRFIELD



Fairfield

- Cut wasteful spending before doing an early retirement program for employees
- Streamline the codes system for developers

■ Age: 49
■ Address: 7409 N. Amoret Ave.
■ Occupation: Lawyer
■ Stances:
— Make the city more pedestrian-friendly

TERRY WARD



Ward

■ Age: 54
■ Address: 4307 N. Holly Court
■ Occupation: Project manager for J.E. Dunn Construction Co.
■ Stances:
— Encourage housing near downtown and other economic centers
— Reintroduce City Charter revision proposal to voters
— Facilitate permitting and code-enforcement processes for developers and contractors

3RD DISTRICT (At-large)

TROY NASH



Nash

■ Age: 33
■ Address: 3912 E. 19th St.
■ Occupation: Fellow, Center for Full Employment and Price Stability.

(In-district)

DAVID BIERSMITH



Biersmith

■ Age: 66
■ Address: 6604 E. 17th St.
■ Occupation: Owner, Industrial Medical clinic
■ Stances:
— Promotes development of Truman Road corridor
— Emphasizes basic services like trash pickup and rat control
— Says 3rd District not concerned about downtown

RON FINLEY



Finley

■ Age: 53
■ Address: 3031 Kensington Ave.
■ Occupation: Lawyer.
■ Stances:
— Would restore budget cuts to indigent health care
— Would keep trash service the way it is
— Would spend more money on neighborhoods

STEFAN HUGHES



Hughes

■ Age: 43
■ Address: Unlisted due to his job
■ Occupation: Assistant Jackson County prosecutor
■ Stances:
— Promotes delivery of basic services
— Would listen to concerns on citizens
— Supports downtown without burdening taxpayers

SAUNDRA MCFADDEN-WEAVER



McFadden-Weaver

■ Age: 43
■ Address: 3412 S. Benton Ave.
■ Occupation: Pastor
■ Stances:
— Remove trash and blight
— Put people over capital projects
— Recruit minority police

MAYOR

KAY BARNES



Barnes

- Continue to reduce the deferred maintenance backlog
- Promote more housing and economic development

■ Age: 64
■ Address: 4204 N. Mulberry Drive
■ Occupation: Mayor
■ Stances:
— More effective and efficient delivery of basic service

STANFORD GLAZER



Glazer

■ Age: 71
■ Address: 221 W. 48th St.
■ Occupation: Retired businessman
■ Stances:
— No downtown arena
— Re-energize downtown with housing, schools, grocery stores and entertainment
— Give the city's youth a voice in how the city is run

MARY DE SHON



De Shon

- Reduce wasteful city spending
- Switch to a strong-mayor form of government
- Use mayor's bully pulpit to help reduce homelessness, unemployment and child abuse

■ Age: 49
■ Address: 5104 N. Chelsea Ave.
■ Occupation: Telecommunications consultant
■ Stances:
— Reduce wasteful city spending

ANNE WEDOW



Wedow

■ Age: 48
■ Address: 12815 McGee St.
■ Occupation: Retired fire battalion chief
■ Stances:
— Eliminate waste in city spending
— Increase the pace of infrastructure maintenance
— Restrict tax breaks to developers

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the Clay County Development Commission.

Fairfield, 49, is a lawyer and past chairman of the Northland Regional Chamber of Commerce. He also is founder of Forward Kansas City, a Northland political club that endorses candidates for city offices. He also has served several terms on the Public Improvements Advisory Committee.

3rd District At-large

Incumbent Troy Nash, 33, is unopposed.

3rd District In district

Former councilman and current Jackson County Legislator Ron Finley faces Sandra McFadden-Weaver and political newcomers Stefan Hughes and David Biersmith.

Finley, 53, won the endorsement of Freedom Inc., the dominant political organization in the district.

Hughes, 43, an assistant Jackson County prosecutor, is the son of Leonard S. Hughes Jr., a founder of Freedom Inc., and Mamie Hughes, a community leader.

McFadden-Weaver, 43, is a pastor endorsed by the Citizens Association and thinks Freedom's endorsement is tainted by behind-the-scenes deals.

Biersmith, 66, is the owner of an industrial medical clinic who promotes development of the Truman Road corridor and emphasizes basic services such as trash pickup and rat control.

4th District At-large

Former councilman Jim Glover faces off against longtime neighborhood activist Colleen Hernandez and lawyer Janet Blauvelt, who is involved in many civic organizations.

Glover, 51, is a lawyer who believes his most visible accomplishment is the Midtown redevelopment plan that resulted in the grocery in Westport and the retail center at Linwood Boulevard and Main Street.

Hernandez, 54, served 17 years as executive director of the Kansas City Neighborhood Alliance and worked to reverse the decline of the Blue Hills neighborhood.

Blauvelt, 49, is a lawyer who has served in several appointed positions dealing with municipal planning and is a member of several chambers of commerce.

4th District In-district

Incumbent Jim Rowland, 40, is running unopposed.

5th District At-large

Incumbent Becky Nace is facing challengers Wesley Fields and Evaline Taylor in this race, where economic development has emerged as an issue.

Nace, 44, is a former sales repre-

sentative who opposes a downtown arena and the Fire Department controlling the delivery of emergency medical services, but favors local control of the Police Department.

Fields, 30, is a lawyer who thinks a downtown arena would be a tremendous asset for economic revitalization and would consider the Fire Department controlling ambulance services if it is more cost-efficient.

Taylor, 57, is an accounts management specialist who opposes a downtown arena and private management for Kemper Arena. She also opposes the Fire Department controlling ambulance services and favors local control of the police department.

5th District In-district

Incumbent Terry Riley, 34, is unopposed.

6th District At-large

Incumbent Alvin Brooks, 70, is unopposed.

6th District In-district

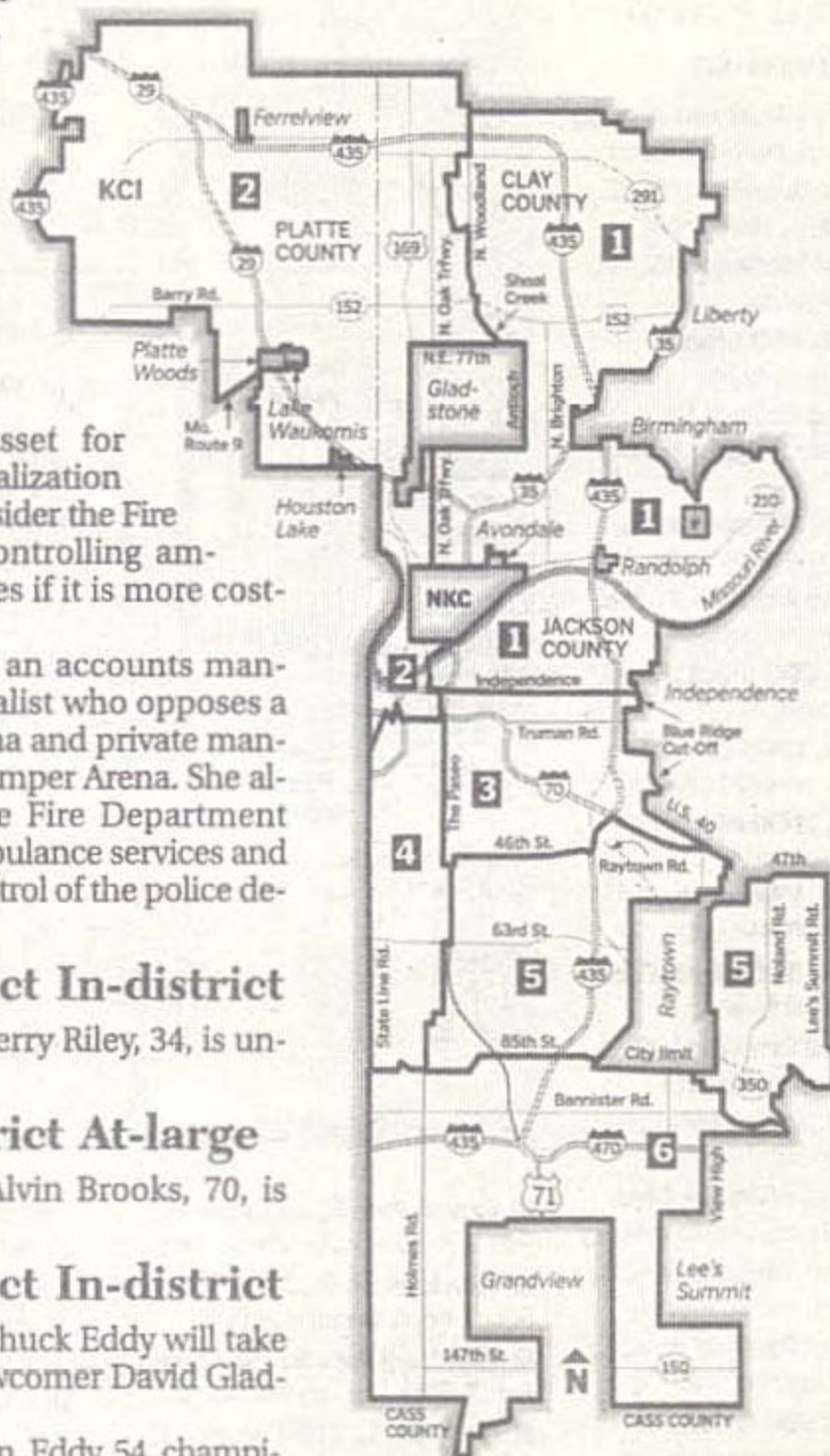
Incumbent Chuck Eddy will take on political newcomer David Gladwell.

In his first term, Eddy, 54, champi-

oned some economic development efforts that met with success along State Line Road at 135th Street and

another that stalled at Bannister Mall. Gladwell, 40, said he wanted to get involved in city government af-

ter a frustrating experience with city officials when he tried to get an extra curb cut on his street.



5TH DISTRICT (In-district)

TERRY RILEY

- Age: 34
- Address: 5821 Bellefontaine Ave.
- Occupation: Kansas City Council member, education software consultant



Riley

5TH DISTRICT (At-large)

BECKY NACE

- Age: 44
- Address: 12300 E. 58th Terrace
- Occupation: Kansas City Council member, former sales representative



Nace

- Stances:
 - Opposes downtown arena. Favors private management for Kemper Arena.
 - City should discontinue all non-core services.
 - Opposes Fire Department controlling delivery of emergency medical services. Favors local control of Police Department.

tremendous asset for economic revitalization.

— City needs council members who can generate a consensus among various communities. Downsize through attrition, early retirement offers.

— Would consider Fire Department controlling ambulance services if it is more cost-efficient.

EVALINE TAYLOR

- Age: 57
- Address: 7314 Indiana Ave.
- Occupation: Accounts management specialist
- Stances:
 - Audit city budget and review Public Improvement Advisory Council funds.



Taylor

— Opposes downtown arena and private management for Kemper Arena.

— City should control the Police Department. Opposes Fire Department controlling ambulance services.

WESLEY FIELDS

- Age: 30
- Address: 4622 Mersington Ave.
- Occupation: Lawyer
- Stances:
 - Downtown arena would be a



Fields

6TH DISTRICT (At-large)

ALVIN L. BROOKS

- Age: 70
- Address: 3717 Southern Hills Drive
- Occupation: Consultant
- Stances:
 - Top priorities are neighborhoods, police, fire and public safety
 - Will work to stabilize the city budget
 - Supports stronger regulation of bounty hunters



Brooks

6TH DISTRICT (In-district)

CHARLES A. EDDY

- Age: 54
- Address: 406 W. 109th St.
- Occupation: Chiropractor
- Stances:
 - Supports and promotes community improvement districts
 - Working to bring more housing to south Kansas City
 - Wants to keep the 6th District unified



Eddy

R. DAVID GLADWELL

- Age: 40
- Address: 4511 E. 113th St.
- Occupation: Maintenance technician
- Stances:
 - More effort needed to attract businesses to south Kansas City
 - City should be able to sort out recyclable trash
 - Downtown needs a privately funded arena



Gladwell

4TH DISTRICT (In-district)

JIM ROWLAND

- Age: 40
- Address: 7318 Mercier St.
- Occupation: Self-employed



Rowland

JANET BLAUVELT

- Age: 49
- Address: 427 W. 60th Terrace
- Occupation: Lawyer
- Stances:
 - Wants to increase the city's tax base
 - Would use TIF more strategically
 - Emphasizes public safety, infrastructure and basic services



Blauvelt

- Would combine redundant city services
- Would rebuild budget for deferred maintenance

COLLEEN HERNANDEZ

- Age: 54
- Address: 2121 Jarboe St.
- Occupation: Former head of Kansas City Neighborhood Alliance.
- Stances:
 - Wants to be an advocate for neighborhoods
 - Believes the council should guide the city manager
 - Would consolidate city departments



Hernandez

JIM GLOVER

- Age: 51
- Address: 3325 Harrison St.
- Occupation: Lawyer
- Stances:
 - Would emphasize neighborhood needs



Glover