

# Four in mayor's election so far

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The four known candidates for mayor in the May 8 municipal election have received nominating petitions, the City Clerk's Office reported. The group creates what may be an interesting dynamic.

The candidates include Mayor Eldridge Hawkins Jr., South Ward Councilman Edward Marable, attorney Dwayne Warren, who serves as the city's legislative research officer, and Janice Morrell, a retired educator and master's program designer who has served on the city's Zoning Board and Citizens Budget Advisory Committee.

Each of the four candidates live in the city's South Ward. Some residents have expressed a concern that Hawkins, as the incumbent, would automatically have an advantage since Marable, Morrell and Warren potentially could take votes from each other within the ward. It does not, however, take into account there are four wards in the city.

Residents must submit the signatures of at least 147 registered voters to the City Clerk's Office by March 5.