Here's who's running in Hamilton's municipal election - and who's already won

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One council candidate changed where he's running at the last minute. One is a former councillor and cabinet minister who wants back in the game. And Hamilton's longest-serving politicians appear to have been acclaimed.

All of this happened in the last two days of municipal election nominations, which ended Friday.

Cam Galindo, a high-profile Ward 9 council candidate, switched to run to be a Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board trustee. Brad Clark, former Ward 9 councillor and PC cabinet minister, has put his name in to run in his old ward again.

And Pat Daly, chair of the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board, has no challengers to be a trustee again. He's held the seat since 1985. That's when his father Patrick Sr., who was serving in the role, died suddenly, and Daly applied to serve in his stead.

Daly said he never takes an election for granted. And the job never gets old for him.

"I've always felt blessed, and there are different challenges and opportunities every year," said Daly, who's been chair since 1991. "So I never get tired of it."

Ray Mulholland was also apparently acclaimed for Ward 4 in the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board. Mulholland was first elected in 1971.

"I've run in 14 elections," he said. "It's nice to be acclaimed.

"I'm hoping the reason is that people are pleased with what I'm doing, building relationships. You're either acclaimed because there's no interest, or you're acclaimed because people think you're doing a good job. I hope people think I'm doing a good job in the community."

Mulholland says never tires of being on the school board. "I went into a board meeting with a burning passion for education and that passion still is there today."

As for Galindo, he said Clark filing his nomination papers Thursday had no bearing on his decision to switch his candidacy.

"It's been something I've been formulating for the last two weeks," he said. "It doesn't change much from our end in terms of how we're going to campaign."

Galindo will run against Wayne Marston, a former Hamilton East-Stoney Creek NDP MP who lost his seat to a Liberal in 2015.

Three other Catholic school board trustees appeared to be acclaimed Friday — Mark Valvasori (Wards 1, 2 and 15), Anthony Perri (Wards 3 and 4) and Mary Nardini (Ward 10).

Dawn Danko, a Ward 7 public school board trustee, also had no challengers.

Otherwise, it's a crowded heat. This is particularly true in Wards 1, 3, 7 and 11, which are wards without incumbents.

Here's who's running in the Oct. 22 election:

Ward 1

Incumbent Aidan Johnson is not running. He's taken a job with the Niagara Community Legal Clinic.

- *Jason Allen.
- *Sharon Anderson.
- *Syed Bakht.
- *Sharon Cole.
- *Ela Eroglu.
- *Jordan Geertsma.
- *Sophie Geffros.
- *Carol Lazich.
- *Richard Massie.
- *Lyla Miklos.
- *Linda Narducci.
- *Harrison White.
- *Maureen Wilson.