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Four seats on the Knoxville City Council and the office of city mayor are up for election this year and noon Thursday is the qualifying deadline for petitions to be turned into the Knox County Election Commission. Most of the interest has been on the mayor's race but the position, At-Large Council Seat C, now has six candidates.

Held currently by Vice Mayor Finbarr Saunders, the Seat C position drew two more candidates recently as radio personality Hubert Smith and former Knox County Commissioner Bob Thomas officially entered the race. Thomas pulled a petition

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The spotlight is on seniors again this week as The Focus continues its own recognition of the top students of area schools' Class of 2019 with the Valedictorians and Salutatorians from South-Doyle High (please see A4) and Seymour High (C4). Another type of senior is recognized in this week's Silver Years, Section D.

Seymour High School seniors recently attended the All Star Banquet and were recognized for their high achievement in ACT and AP exam scores, becoming National Merit finalists and number of collegiate classes. Pictured are: Elijah Ballew, Emmaline Combs, Kaitlyn Daniels, Devin Ginter, Josh Glass, Hannah Hamilton, Hannah Hemon, Christopher Hilton, Joshua Kandel, Jaiden Kraft, Samantha Kulikowski, Make'la Lacey, Abigail Lawrence, Katie Leming, Elijah Stutz, Hannah Warrensford, Gabriel Whitaker, Eddie Zhang and Tony Zhang.