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## Many hopefuls run for council

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Neverland didn't have as much initial interest as the El Dorado Hills city council.

When voters head for the polls on Nov. 8 to determine whether or not El Dorado Hills should be incorporated, those who vote 'Yes' will also choose five city council members from a slate of 19 candidates.

And unless Measure P passes, those candidates - who some are expecting to set records for campaign spending in El Dorado Hills - may as well be running to serve as the leader of the Lost Boys.

Political newcomer Susan M. Johnson said her campaign would be low key unless help arrives.

"It depends whether I have a nickel or not. I'm just a normal, single, middle-aged woman. I don't have money for that. I don't have money to spend a lot. If someone wants to back me, I'll do a little," she said.

Dorothy Nesbitt, who has previously served as city council member and vice mayor for Pleasanton, said she understands the game, even though she's never held an elected office in El Dorado County.

"I'll do campaigning. Don't have any great financial support at this time, but I tend to do the neighborhood walks, the coffees, that kind of thing. I'm assuming, because this is a new city, the chamber will get involved, and League of Women Voters will get involved. I'll do a mailer or some kind of advertisement," Nesbitt said.

Johnson said she was encouraged to run by those involved with the incorporation effort with the promises of political support. That has changed, and no one on the incorporation committee will officially back anyone, she said.

She has, however, garnered the political support of El Dorado County's Sheriff Jeff Neves.

Nesbitt said she's had a bird's eye view of the incorporation process. A retired community and economic development expert, she's hoping to spend her time helping El Dorado Hills with her experience.

"That's how I got interested. I said, 'I'm retired now, so I have time.' I think one of the criteria is it is going to take up a lot of time when you set up a city. I worked for Danville ... two years after they incorporated. I watched all the things you have to put in place," Nesbitt said.

- Council candidates
- Norman Rowett
- John Hidahl
- Laurence Brilliant
- John Knight
- Susan M. Johnson
- Justin Masters
- Jeffrey Haberman
- Robert Hollis
- Bruce Lagomarsino
- Gerald Tryhane
- Greg Murphy
- David Trapani
- Dorothy Nesbitt
- Charel Winston
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