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# NEWS RELEASE

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## **16 Applicants Seek Dubuque's Fourth Ward City Council Vacancy**

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The Dubuque City Council received 16 applications from fourth ward residents interested in filling the City Council vacancy created by the death of Fourth Ward Representative Dirk Voetberg.

The applicants for the fourth ward City Council seat are: Jason Anderson, James Brady, Erik Honda, Cindy Kohlmann, Will McIntee, Paula Neuhaus, Gary Pfab, Patricia Rogaskie, Douglas Ropa, Marcos Rubinstein, R.R.S. Stewart, Lynn Sutton, Christopher Wand, Charles Winterwood, James Wirth, and Chad Witthoeft. Application materials submitted by each applicant are available online at [www.cityofdubuque.org/ward4](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/ward4) and upon request from the City Clerk's Office.

The City Council will conduct individual interviews with the applicants at a special City Council meeting on Saturday, March 12, at 10:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers in the Historic Federal Building at 350 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street. The meeting will be aired live on CityChannel 8 and streamed and archived online at [www.cityofdubuque.org/media](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/media). The City Council plans to appoint one of the applicants to the vacancy at the March 21 City Council meeting. The appointee will serve as fourth ward representative until the next regular election, which will be held on November 8, 2011.

The electors of the fourth ward have the right to file a petition requiring that the vacancy be filled by a special election. A petition requesting a special election to fill the vacancy would have to be signed by 127 fourth ward electors and be filed with the City Clerk by April 4, 2011. If such a petition is received after the appointment is made on March 21, the appointment would be temporary and the City Council would call a special election to fill the vacancy until the next regular election.

For additional information, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 563-589-4120 or email [jschneid@cityofdubuque.org](mailto:jschneid@cityofdubuque.org).

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