

Area residents seek open state senate seat

(KLZA)-- At least 10 people have filed for the vacant seat in Nebraska legislative District 1, which includes Richardson, Pawnee, Johnson, Nemaha and a portion of Otoe counties.

The Omaha World Herald reports those filing for the position, includes Gayle Swisegood from Falls City, a former Richardson County Commissioner; former Tecumseh Mayor, Lavern Bartels; Current Pawnee County Commissioner, Dennis Schaardt, and Colton Schaardt, both from Steinauer; Mark Novak, of Dawson; Julie Slama, of Peru; Keith Kollasch, of Auburn; Craig Bolz and Mike Powers both of Palmyra; and Janet Palmtag, of Syracuse.

In November Governor Pete Ricketts' invited interested parties to apply for the legislative seat that becomes vacant in early January, when Dan Watermeier, of Syracuse takes his seat on the Nebraska Public Service Commission.

There is also a vacancy in District 49. The Governor may choose someone who applied for the seats or he may choose someone who did not apply.

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