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Tate to leave Detroit Police Department, run for Detroit City Council



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CORRECTION APPENDED

Add another “famous” local name to the ballot for this fall’s **Detroit City Council** race — James Tate, a former **Detroit Police Department** deputy chief, has announced he’s a candidate.

Tate, a former assignment editor at **WXYZ-Channel 7**, served as a communications coordinator for the city under former Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick in 2004, before becoming a public information officer for the police department.

Tate is one of several past police department employees to enter the race, including former Deputy Police Chief Gary Brown and former officer John Bennett, author of a political Web site begun as a vehicle for criticism of Kilpatrick and Jerry Oliver, a former police chief.

More than 400 petitions have been pulled so far, according to **Detroit’s Department of Elections**.

The filing deadline is May 12, and each would-be candidate must obtain 458 signatures for a spot on the ballot.

The top 18 vote-getters in the Aug. 4 primary will advance to the Nov. 3 general election. There are nine council seats. All eight sitting council members are up for re-election.

Correction: Earlier versions of this story online incorrectly indicated that James Tate held the position of spokesman for former Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick. This version contains the corrected information.

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