

Saxton sails through Salt Lake City Council race

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Salt Lake City Councilwoman Nancy Saxton emerged successfully from Tuesday's primary balloting to defend her District 6 seat against Luke Garrott.

In District 4, Roger J. McConkie will face off in November against J.T. Martin for the seat Dave Buhler vacated to run for mayor.

Garrott, a professor of political science at the University of Utah, was the second top-vote getter in District 6. Brian Doughty, Carol Goode and Jack Gray will not appear on the Nov. 6 ballot.

"I really need to thank family, my staff, and my supporters," Garrott said Tuesday night. "The dedication of my supporters was extraordinary."

Garrott campaigned on development issues and making city government more accessible to the public.

"People should have a say in the planning process," he said.

Saxton, the two-term incumbent with substantial name recognition, sailed through the primary after ditching an earlier run for the mayor's seat.

She made the plight of senior citizens the centerpiece of her campaign for reelection to the City Council.

In the primary race for the District 4 City Council seat being vacated by Dave Buhler, Roger J. McConkie emerged as the top vote-getter. J.T. Martin won the other spot on the November 6 ballot. William Huckins and Ellen Reddick were eliminated.

"This was an absolute grass-roots effort," McConkie said Tuesday night. "I think the reason I was successful was that a number of friends were so willing to give of their time."

The Salt Lake City lawyer said he will have to work hard to come out on top in November.

"Now, I have to attract more people. I have to work hard to show them I'm their guy."

Martin, the owner of Emigration Market, said he "excited to get to work" on the fall campaign.

"We are going to continue to do what we have been doing," he said. "We are going to walk every precinct."

Martin's campaign has been based on his small-business experience and the need to bring that expertise to city government. "We need someone in City Hall who understands business, in general."

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