

Leftovers from City Hall: Clock is ticking on for Congressional seat race

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Potential candidates still interested in the 32nd Congressional District seat will have until April 6 to throw their names in the hat.

It doesn't take much to enter the race: a few signatures, a couple of thousand dollars and at least seven years of residency in California. Heck, you don't even have to live in the district.

But being successful in the race is another story.

Last week, a few people opted to bow out.

Ed Chavez, the former Assemblyman who was toying with the idea of running, announced in a press release that "after much consideration" he would not be seeking candidacy. He's instead throwing his support behind Sen. Gil Cedillo.

"Gil Cedillo understands the needs and priorities of this district and I think he is the clear frontrunner in the race for the 32nd District. We need Gil in Congress fighting for the San Gabriel Valley's fair share and I am proud to be supporting him."

On Friday, Baldwin Park Unified School Board Member Blanca Rubio said she would withdraw her name from the candidate's list and endorse Board of Equalization Chairwoman Judy Chu.

Rubio said she changed her mind after reconsidering her familial obligations. She has two children, ages 2 and 10 months old.

"My heart is a little bit broken, because I do think I could do a good job,"

Rubio said.

Her decision to endorse Chu came after a two-hour conversation with the chairwoman.

"I heard what I wanted to hear. (Chu) is going to help Baldwin Park and bring back money to our schools and to the area," Rubio said. "Judy has been around for a while and knows the San Gabriel Valley. I don't know Gil. And he doesn't know the San Gabriel Valley."

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