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# Richfield candidates stump during online forum

## All will be on Nov. 3 General Election ballot

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The Richfield City

Council candidates on the Nov. 3 general election ballot participated in a virtual League of Women Voters candidate forum Oct. 1.

The following candidates participated:

- Ward 1 - Ruane Oneirosan and incumbent

Simon Trautmann

- Ward 2 - Sean Hayford Oleary and Gordon Vizecky

- Ward 3 - Incumbent Ben Whalen (running unopposed)

In addition to opening and closing statements, a number of questions were

asked and answered by the candidates during the nearly 90-minute online forum.

### Racial inequities

Racial inequities in Richfield were the focus of the first two questions. The first question asked

candidates how they would reduce and eliminate racial inequities in the city.

Incumbent Trautmann said there are a number of ways, but that there are also racial inequities that had been built into the city's framework.

For instance, he pointed to racial covenants that were part of past property agreements. "If you were Latino, black or a minority, you were not allowed to purchase a home. We need to start to address

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# Voting options available in Richfield prior to election

As if holding an election during a pandemic isn't difficult enough, this year's presidential race is raising the stakes for election officials, who are tasked with informing voters of their ballot-casting options while ensuring the proper election procedures are followed.

"The city of Richfield, along with Hennepin County and the Office of the Secretary of State, have been working together to get prepared for the upcoming election, especially in light of the COVID-19 pandemic," said Elizabeth VanHoose, Richfield City Clerk.

"In Richfield, our job is



(SUN CURRENT STAFF PHOTO BY RAYMOND T. RIVARD)

Karen Wolverson casts her ballot for the Nov. 3 General Election at the Richfield Municipal Center. Richfield residents may cast their ballots early in-person or by mail.

to ensure that we have the ballots in our possession, locked and monitored

at all times," VanHoose said. "We don't actually count ballots here.

Hennepin County is in charge of counting the ballots. With all the

checks and balances in place, voters can be assured that their vote will be counted, and that the county and the Office of the Secretary of State will take every measure to avoid voter fraud."

Plans for all voting locations have been reviewed to ensure that voters may cast their ballots while taking precautions against COVID-19. Voters should make a plan for when they want to vote, and review the information provided before heading out to cast their ballots.

Richfield voters have a variety of ways to vote this fall. From in-person voting at polling places

Tuesday, Nov. 3, to curbside voting at the Municipal Center, to mail-in voting, there is a way for everyone to cast their ballot.

To register to vote, visit [tinyurl.com/yvhadnfp](http://tinyurl.com/yvhadnfp).

On Election Day Nov. 3, voters may cast their ballots in person at their specific polling place. Polling places are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day. Voters must be in line by 8 p.m. to cast their vote.

To find a polling place, visit [pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us](http://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us). To see the Richfield precinct map, visit [tinyurl.com/y34cz2o9](http://tinyurl.com/y34cz2o9).

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