



## City of Gaithersburg Press Release

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### For Immediate Release

## Two Write-in Candidates Certified for 2019 Election for Three City Council Members

**Gaithersburg, Md. (October 8, 2019)** – For the first time since write-in candidacy became permissible with the 2015 City of Gaithersburg Municipal Election, two residents have qualified to be write-in candidates for the election of three City Council Members on November 5, 2019. Juan Aguirre, principal in the Juan Aguirre Insurance Agency, and Nicole S. Ukiteyedi, an Administrative Assistant with Charles E. Smith Life Communities, were both certified by the Board of Supervisors of Elections (BOSE) on October 7.

To be eligible, the candidates had to file a certificate with the BOSE by the filing deadline or within three days of them each collecting or expending a cumulative amount of \$250 in support of their candidacy. If registered voters opt to write-in a candidate on their ballot, only those that are certified will be counted. Write-in candidates must fully comply with campaign rules and regulations, including campaign finance reporting.

Gaithersburg residents will cast their ballots for three City Council Members on Tuesday, November 5, 2019. All Council Members serve at-large and are elected to a four-year term. The terms of office for Council Members Neil Harris, Ryan Spiegel and Robert Wu expire in November. All three incumbents will appear on the ballot as their candidacies were certified by the BOSE in August.

Same-day voter registration is available for the 2019 election, thus there is no deadline for voter registration. City residents who are registered to vote in Montgomery County are automatically registered to vote in City of Gaithersburg elections. Those registering at the polls on Election Day will be asked to show an approved form of identification and will be casting provisional ballots. Upon verification of the individual's eligibility to vote, the provisional ballot will then be counted. For information on voter eligibility contact the Montgomery County Board of Elections at 240-777-VOTE (8683) or visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov).

Early voting and absentee voting are available. Regardless of precinct, registered voters in the City of Gaithersburg and those wishing to register at the polls may vote at City Hall on Saturday or Sunday, October 26 or 27, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Applications to request an absentee ballot can be found on the City's website or can be requested in person at City Hall.

For more information on City of Gaithersburg elections visit [www.gaithersburgmd.gov](http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov) or contact the Elections Clerk, Lauren Klingler, at 301-258-6310 or [cityelections@gaitthersburgmd.gov](mailto:cityelections@gaitthersburgmd.gov).

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