

I knew that I should have had a bet going as to how soon someone would announce their intentions to run for City Council seats in 2009. The first candidate out the gate is... Hooper City Neighborhood Association and [Birmingham Young Democrats](#) president **William Barnes**.

The announcement was made via an Evite to his campaign's first fundraiser early next month at [The Wine Loft](#) (downtown location). if you know of anyone else intending to throw their hat in the ring for any of the districts, [let us know](#).

BTW - if you're interested in William Bell's former seat, [you've got until tomorrow to apply](#).