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## Choi, Schultz advance in Ramsey County attorney race

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A former St. Paul city attorney and a civil trial attorney moved ahead Wednesday to the general election for Ramsey County Attorney.

John Choi, who stepped down from his city post in April, led the three-person field with about half of the votes. He will face David Schultz, a former prosecutor in the state attorney general's office.

"We had three good candidates, and I'm truly humbled by the results," Choi said.

It's the first time in 15 years that Ramsey County will have a new county attorney. Susan Gaertner began campaigning for governor in 2007, but dropped out of the race last spring.

Tammy Pust, a Roseville City Council member and former prosecutor, was eliminated.

### Ramsey County Board

Incumbent Commissioner Rafael Ortega, endorsed by the DFL, and Andy Noble, endorsed by the GOP, advanced to the

general election for the Fifth District seat on the Ramsey County Board. That district includes the Downtown, Highland and West Side neighborhoods of St. Paul.

Ortega, a St. Paul resident first elected to the board in 1994, oversees the board's facilities committee. He led the three-person field by a large margin.

Noble, of St. Paul, has a background in business and real estate.

Charles Barklind came in third and did not advance.

Ramsey County has about 506,000 residents, according to U.S. Census Bureau estimates.

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