

Perez withdraws from El Dorado sheriff's race

By Kathryn Reed

El Dorado County has one less sheriff's candidate in the race. Stan Perez backed out today.

"The support has been overwhelming," Perez told *Lake Tahoe News* Friday afternoon of his candidacy. But the money to fund it is not there. He said in these economic times it's too difficult to ask people for money for something like this.



Stan Perez

He said if he could come up with \$200,000, he would stick it out. He and his family have put about \$50,000 into the campaign.

The filing deadline for the June primary is March 12. Six other candidates have indicated they want to be the county's top cop.

Perez is not backing another candidate at this time. He said he will meet with the contenders to see what they have to say and if they might adopt some of his ideas into their campaigns.

Perez had picked sheriff's Lt. Les Lovell to be undersheriff if he were to be elected. Lovell was not immediately available for comment.