

Aptos cityhood backers reveal donors

The group pushing for incorporation of Aptos received no contributions greater than \$800, according to a list of donors released by the group.

"We don't have any big developers (donating), nor do we have any big contributors," Aptos Incorporation Group spokesman Kelly Walker said.

The release of the list is a reversal in the incorporation's stance. Last May, the group refused to make the list public, prompting some to question whether big developers are behind the effort.

The Incorporation Group received six contributions of between \$500 and \$800. The donors were Cecil Margosian, Frank and Colleen Guilliani, Harwood and Frances Kolsky, Doug and Ruth McConnell, Hugh Hudson of Aptos Station Center, and the Aptos Chamber of Commerce. A breakdown on the amount each

gave was not available.

Last year, Walker said he was concerned that County Supervisor Robley Levy, whose district includes Aptos, was among those who implied developers were behind the incorporation drive.

Walker said when Levy told him earlier this month that the list of contributors was still an issue, the group decided to make it public.

In addition to the seven who contributed between \$500 and \$800, seven gave between \$300 and \$499, 32 between \$100 and \$299 and 97 less than \$100.

Exact figures weren't available, but Walker said the Incorporation Group has raised between \$11,000 and \$12,000. The group spent \$10,000 of that on feasibility studies required as part of the process toward incorporation.

A breakdown provided by the Incorporation Group last May showed 29 percent of the money

donated came from retired people, 22 percent from professional people, 21 percent from small-business owners, 14 percent from real estate agents, 7 percent from civic groups, 4 percent from builders and 3 percent from educators. Those percentages haven't changed appreciably in the last 10 months, Walker said.

The Incorporation Group is going through a series of meetings and hearings. The next one will be held Wednesday before the Local Agency Formation Commission.

Those who gave between \$300 and \$499 are Bob Bailey, Aptos real estate broker and president of the Aptos Chamber of Commerce; Jim and Betty Hamlin; Glenn Specht, who led an unsuccessful incorporation drive in the early '80s; the Rio del Mar Improvement Association; John and Jeanne Richards; Tom Car-

mody, a former leader of the Incorporation Group; and one donor who asked to remain anonymous.

Karen Hibble, executive director of the Aptos Chamber of Commerce, said the chamber gave \$500 specifically for a feasibility study and has not taken a stand on incorporation per se.

—Lane Wallace