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candidates running in contested elections in major school districts on April 18 starts today on Page 2. Written by Sentinel Staff Writer Mel Baughman, the series today features the Soquel Elementary School District,

SC Council, Bond Election Tomorrow

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Santa Cruz' 20 polling places will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. tomorrow for the municipal election.

On the ballot will be the names of eight candidates seeking four vacant chairs on the city's governing body. In addition, voters will pass judgment on a \$9.6-million water revenue bond.

Council candidates are incumbent Eugene Fleming, a physical therapist; incumbent Norman Lezin, a tannery manager; incumbent Norman Walters, music instructor; Mrs. Lorette Wood, appliance firm bookkeeper and substitute teacher, Al Conquest-motel owner; Ernest Wicklund, stationery store owner; Charles Wheat, insulation and roofing company

manager, and Dr. Bernard Zwerling, optometrist.

The campaign has been a mild one, with no major controversy for anyone to use as a rallying cry. There is disagreement over the city's sign ordinance and the Cedar-Vine connecting street project, but those matters have already been acted on and have not been major election issues.

The city, in general, seems reasonably satisfied with the leadership it has had for the past two years, and this complacency could hurt voter turnout.

Neither is there any organized opposition to the water bond as would normally be expected against any measure calling for the expenditure of almost \$10 million.

It is generally agreed that the area will have to have the water the bond will provide, and the only

alternative might be in the method of financing the project.

Each phase of the water expansion program could be financed individually, but a San Francisco brokerage firm has advised against that process and has given its blessing to the bond proposal as it now stands.

The water bond is designed to finance expansion of the city's water system to accommodate population growth through the year 1980. Being a revenue bond, it will not affect taxes and will require a simple majority vote, rather than two-thirds voter approval as is the case with general obligation bonds.

Newly elected councilmen, who will serve four-year terms, will be seated at an April 18 council meeting at which they will choose a mayor and vice mayor from their number.