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Four more apply for council seat

Four names have been added to the list of people seeking the Watsonville City Council seat left vacant by the death of Johny Kacsmaryk last month.

The four filed their applications yesterday afternoon, beating a 5 p.m. deadline. The City Council will now have six candidates to choose from in making the appointment to the District 7 seat.

The four new applicants — Robert Buzzone, Norma Ambriz, Jim Brough and Robert Winters — include two Pajaro Valley school district employees — one is a principal and the other is a custodian.

Robert Buzzone, principal at Amesti Elementary School, has lived in the city limits for the past three years. Buzzone has worked in the Watsonville area for the past 17 years and has

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been involved for three of those years with developing downtown businesses.

Buzzone was in charge of the Watsonville Fly-In from 1980 to 1982. His memberships include the Association of California School Administrators, the Watsonville Chamber of Commerce, the Task Force for Disaster Preparation and the Migrant Child Development Coalition.

Buzzone is a 1961 graduate of the University of Redlands, where he received his undergraduate degree in social studies.

Jim Brough is head custodian at Mintie White Elementary School. He is also second president of the district's classified workers union.

Brough is a member of the board of directors for the Legal Aid Society of Santa Cruz County and a board member of the Pajaro Valley Affordable Housing Corporation. He received his bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of California.

The third candidate is Norma Ambriz, a native of Watsonville.

Ambriz is head of the financial aid department at Cabrillo College and is a member of the Watsonville chapter of the League of United Latin American Citizens.

Ambriz is on the Watsonville Chamber Hispanic Affairs and Education Committee, is a board member of Food and Nutrition Services Inc., and serves on the Cabrillo College Hispanic Affairs Council.

The fourth applicant filing yesterday was Robert Winters, a resident of Watsonville for 46 years. Winters has served on the Parks and Recreation Commission for 11 years as both commissioner and chairman. He has also been involved in various city planning committees.

The two other candidates are Cecile Mills, who filed earlier this week, and Betty Kesovia Bobeda. Bobeda, a lifelong resident of Watsonville, had been named by Kacsmaryk to replace him when he was considering retiring from the council.

The council will interview the applicants April 16 and will make its selection April 23. Whoever wins the appointment will have to stand for election in November in order to keep the position.