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'Crummy Bums' Reply To Aptos Supervisor

Public response to Aptos Supervisor Marilyn Liddicoat's statement Monday that harassment by "crummy bums" made her decide against seeking re-election in 1980 began early this morning at County Center, with more expected this afternoon.

The first response came from Curt Robert Davis, a member of the Democratic Central Committee, who appeared in front of the government building before 8 a.m. with a sign proclaiming he is a "crummy bum" (see Page 22).

Inside, he told the Board of Supervisors, "I am a crummy bum and proud of it because I believe low income people have the right to petition the government for an equal distribution of tax dollars to provide services that meet their needs."

He accused Liddicoat of "attempting to interfere" in the petitioning process.

Davis was followed by resident Fran Wilkinson, who declared she was "not a crummy bum, but a taxpayer worried about the quality of life" in this county.

She said that Liddicoat's remark was "insulting to all citizens." Liddicoat said the "crummy bums" she referred to are those persons who have made death threats against her and her family, and have vandalized her car

on three occasions.

She said the newspaper article on her announcement had not fully explained her definition of "crummy bums."

Monday, she told The Sentinel that such persons had made her change her mind about a second term and noted they had harassed her and her family.

Liddicoat also said she would prefer a state elected office, possibly the Assembly, "where you're not meeting the crowd every day."

The two persons who addressed the board were allowed to do so after Liddicoat had the board waive its rules on "oral communications" which come at 4 p.m., or earlier if the board concludes all other business.

The Sentinel was told a number of Liddicoat's constituents from the Second District would appear at the board meeting at 4 p.m. to comment on her statements.

Going into the board meeting, Liddicoat avoided a television camera team which had set up for her response to the announcement she would not seek re-election.

She hurried past, saying, "I don't have time now to talk to you."

She told the press that her decision was a family decision.