

Seacliff cool toward cityhood

Residents in the Seacliff area of Aptos aren't exactly overwhelmed with the idea of forming the city of Aptos.

The Seacliff Improvement Association recently held mail elections for new officers, and Association president Mervin Garibotto included a pro-con statement on incorporation, and a straw ballot on the incorporation.

Garibotto said 375 ballots were sent out to area residents and property owners. Of those, 240 went to association members and the remainder were distributed randomly to

area residents who are not members of the Association.

So far, Garibotto has received 146 returns.

Fifteen were in favor of incorporation, 28 were undecided on the issue, and the remainder — 103 — were opposed.

Although the ballots weren't signed, Garibotto said it appeared from the postmarks that a majority of those favoring the incorporation or undecided lived outside Aptos and simply maintain second homes in the area.

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