

Chamber members favor incorporation of Aptos

Aptos Chamber of Commerce members favor the proposed incorporation of Aptos by better than 3 to 1, a chamber survey showed.

Of 86 chamber members responding to the survey, 50 said they were for incorporation, 15 were opposed and 21 were undecided, said John Hibble, the chamber's executive director. The chamber mailed surveys to all 414 of its members.

Hibble said the chamber results mirror similar surveys by the improvement associations in Rio del Mar, Seascape and Rolling Green, all areas that would be included in the proposed city.

The aggregate for those associations showed 60 percent for incorporation, 20 percent opposed and 20 percent undecided.

A pro-incorporation group has been working for three years to get the area incorporated. The organization, known as the Aptos Incorporation Group, has completed several steps in the process. The Incorporation Group is now at odds with the Local Agency Formation Commission on whether an environmental impact report will be required.

The Incorporation Group filed a lawsuit challenging LAFCO's vote to require the EIR; the issue goes to court Sept. 6.