

Chamber again eyes cityhood for Aptos

Another try at Aptos cityhood?

An Aptos Chamber of Commerce subcommittee is beginning to explore the possibility of forming a city.

Dick Jamison, chairman of the chamber's Economic Development subcommittee, told chamber members Thursday that "a broad-based community group is going to look at the incorporation of Aptos."

The last attempt at incorporating the 25,000-plus population community died in 1980 when supporters failed to get the 2,500 signatures needed to force the county to call an election on the issue.

County officials have been

extremely reluctant to assist cityhood advocates in past attempts, largely because a successful incorporation would mean the loss of hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of dollars in tax revenues that now flow into the county treasury.

"It's not that we are dissatisfied with anything specific," Jamison told the Chamber members Thursday morning, "but it's time to look at the way we do business here."

Jamison said he hopes to invite a speaker, perhaps from the League of California Cities, to be a speaker at a forthcoming Chamber meeting and discuss the advantages of incorporation.