

# Suit seeks to derail Wingspread

Laurence Frommhagen, a candidate for the Soquel-Live Oak supervisorial seat, is suing the Board of Supervisors in an attempt to nullify the Wingspread development's lease agreement.

Frommhagen contends the supervisors acted illegally in approving an agreement with developer Ryland Kelley to allow him to make a gift of his lease of the Porter Sesnon property in Aptos to the county. The deal calls for Kelley to then pay the county for the use of the land for his proposed condominium and performing-arts complex.

In the suit filed in Santa Cruz County Superior Court yesterday, Frommhagen alleges the county's approval of the Wingspread project violates the county's own ordinance that prevents its financial involvement in the project.

He also argues that by law, the county must call for bids on any leases it offers, and that all leases must be approved by four of the five supervisors. The Wingspread project was approved by only three of the supervisors.

He argues that Kelley's giving of the lease to the county was not a gift, "but rather an extortive requirement by (the county) to gain monetary benefit."