LSB Tennis Court Plight To Be Decided On Nov. 2

The final serve is coming up for the La Selva Beach tennis court controversy, and each side is hoping to score a clean ace come election day.

At a meeting Tuesday night of the La Selva Beach recreation district, arrangements were finalized for a Nov. 2 advisory poll on the matter. Through the cooperation of county counsel Jonathan Wittwer, a formal proposal of the tennis court project, a summary of the proposal, and final plans and specifications for the courts are available in the La Selva Beach library for public perusal.

Voters who go to the La Selva Beach clubhouse on election day will be handed a ballot that reads, "Do you favor the tennis court project as proposed and on file with the La Selva Beach recreation district?" The voting will be supervised by both county election officials and representatives from the two disputing groups.

The tennis court question has dragged on for several months, with recreation district officials insisting that construction of the courts on Florido Avenue will not cost the district any money above the $28,000 in federal revenue sharing funds earmarked for the project.

Proposals for the courts have been strongly opposed by a civic group called La Selvans for Sensible Government. They have estimated the total cost of the courts to be in the vicinity of $60,000, and feel the location of the courts will be detrimental to the community.

The organization was joined in its opposition last night by the La Selva Beach Church Council, which is upset about county planning department plans for improving Florida Avenue and requiring extra parking spaces. The council rescinded its previous support for the proposal, recreation district officials reported.

The election will be conducted at district expense, and will be conducted in two separate polling booths in the clubhouse, because of overlapping precincts in the La Selva area. No absentee ballots will be accepted, and two representatives from each side in the controversy will tabulate the final count of votes.