

# Liddicoat Wins With Ease

Board of Supervisors

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Supervisor Marilyn Liddicoat easily turned back the recall effort against her Tuesday, maintaining her seat on the county board with support from 56 percent of the voters.

Her victory guarantees a conservative majority on the Board of Supervisors through 1980, the last year of her four year term.

"The defeat of the recall by such a large margin proves that the voters of the Second (Aptos-Capitola) District were never taken in by charges and attacks made against me by the recall forces," Liddicoat told the press Tuesday night at her victory party.

She said, "I hope the people from every part of the county will put aside political differences and work together for a better county—that is what I intend to do in my time left on the board."

Earlier this year, Liddicoat announced

she will not seek a second term on the county board, but may run for the state senate.

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Recall coordinator Jackie Christeve said today, "I hope she does run for the county board. I think she will be soundly defeated."

Christeve blamed "big money interests" and local newspapers for the failure of the recall, saying, "It was big money interests against the little people, and when

the big money interests, with the power of the press, go against the people, then the money wins."

She said The Sentinel gave "the fairest coverage" during the campaign.

The voter turnout in the Second District was 55 percent, compared to about 41 percent countywide.

Liddicoat received 7,096 votes against her recall while 4,483 voters requested she be recalled.

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While Liddicoat spoke of the large margin of her victory, Christeve said, "It is not a mandate, there are over 44 percent of the voters in her district who do not condone her conduct in office."

Among the three candidates running to replace Liddicoat, had she been recalled, Robley Levy was the favorite, getting 5,223 votes. John Booth was second with 1,634 and Peggy Muth got 1,307.

Levy said she will be a candidate in next June's primary in the Second District supervisorial race. Races for three other seats on the county also will take place at that time.

Liddicoat won in 24 of the 40 precincts in the district, earning a 5,467 to 4,104 margin in the rural areas, and 1,128 to 1,099 in Capitola, the area where she was felt to be the weakest.

Capitola appeared to have the least interest in the recall where 2,329 of 5,056 registered voters went to the polls, below the 50 percent mark.

Liddicoat won big in the Rio Del Mar area margins of 2-to-1 and more in her favor.

She was a slight loser in the Freedom precincts, but in no district was the margin against her more than 60 votes.

At the Community Methodist Church in the Rio Del Mar area she won 523 to 164. The recall election was ordered in August following a petitioning effort by the Recall Liddicoat Campaign group.

It gathered 4,307 signatures of registered voters in the Sec-

ond District, more than 300 needed to order the election.

The campaigns by both groups relied heavily on brochures that were mailed directly to voters.

Liddicoat's support group had raised more than \$30,000 by Oct. 22 and that amount was matched by the combined recall group and three candidate's fund-raising efforts.

The pro-recall campaign accused Liddicoat of "abuses of power" and being a representative of development and medical interests.

She turned her campaign over to the Friends of Liddicoat and they hired a San Francisco firm to run the campaign.

Her decision not to campaign quieted a number of issues that the pro-recall forces wanted aired publicly. As Liddicoat's political life was jolted by the recall attempt, her victory party was jarred when at 11:15 p.m. a bomb threat was phoned into the banquet room at Aptos Seascape, but no bomb was found.

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