

Memorials planned for District Attorney Bob Lee

Flag lowering
Friday, church
ceremony Saturday

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SANTA CRUZ » Two events are planned this week to honor Santa Cruz County District Attorney Bob Lee, who died Saturday.

A flag-lowering ceremony will take place at 8 a.m. Friday outside the Santa Cruz County Superior Court, 701 Ocean St., Santa Cruz, and a memorial service will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday at Twin Lakes Church, 2701 Cabrillo College Drive, Aptos. Both events are public.

Chief Deputy District Attorney Jeff Rosell said Monday he hoped the events would "honor my friend" and pay tribute to Lee's life and work.



Lee

Lee, a Santa Cruz County native, was first elected to the district attorney's post in 2002. He was re-elected twice before winning the post again this year, but said in a statement Oct. 8 that complications from cancer would not allow him to start his fourth term in January.

"Every ounce of my strength and energy will be required to fight this insidious disease," Lee wrote.

Lee died Saturday morning at home with his friends and family close to him. He was 57.

Members of the Santa Cruz County District Attorney's Office gathered at his home last weekend to support his family.

Zach Friend, chairman of the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, said Monday

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the board does not plan to appoint Lee's replacement at its meeting Tuesday. Friend said he and the rest of the supervisors are focused on "ensuring Bob's memorial and family" are taken care of this week.

Friend said he intends to nominate Rosell to the post at the board's Nov. 18 meeting. Lee said this month that he wanted Rosell to succeed him as district attorney because Rosell earned his complete trust and support.

The appointment will last until the next general election, in June 2016, when a two-year term will be placed on the ballot. In 2018, candidates will run

MEMORIAL EVENTS

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Memorial service: A memorial service for Lee will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday at Twin Lakes Church, 2701 Cabrillo College Drive in Aptos.

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for the full four-year term, said Santa Cruz County Clerk Gail Pellerin.

Rosell, 52, has been doing many of Lee's duties, including handling the office's budget proposal with county leaders this summer.