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Cecile Mills applies for District 7

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Cecile Mills, a college and adult-school teacher and a resident of Watsonville since 1971, is the second person to apply for District 7 seat left vacant by the death of Johnny Kacsmaryk.

Mills, 47, said she wants to serve on the Watsonville City Council because she wants to help solidify city leadership. She sees the issue of unity particularly important now that the city is undergoing economic changes.

"We need to overcome the disunity in Watsonville," she said. "I see us very segregated."

Without a strong economy, Watsonville could become even more economically segregated, she said. One of her primary goals if selected to serve on the council would be to help strengthen the local economy.

The more than 300 layoffs at Green Giant in January will affect the entire city, Mills said, because those workers' money will not be circulating through the local econ-

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Mills, a 1964 graduate of the University of Washington, has run a computer-training business along with teaching at Hartnell College in Salinas and the Santa Cruz Adult School.

Mills, a native of the Pacific Northwest, has been involved with various organizations in Santa Cruz County. Her memberships include the Watsonville Recycling Committee, the Pajaro Valley Democratic Party, El Pajaro Community Development Corporation, the Downtown Recovery Committee, the Women's International League of Peace and Freedom, and the California Teachers Association.

Applicants had until today to file with the city clerk. At press time, the city clerk had only received Mills's applicant and that of Betty Kesovia Bobeda, who filed last week. Bobeda, a lifelong resident

of Watsonville, had been suggested by Kacsmaryk, who was considering retiring, before his death last month.

The council will hold a special session April 16 to interview the candidates. After the candidates are interviewed, the council will make its selection.

The District 7 seat will be up for election in November.