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Four to run for council, Potter unopposed

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FOR THE first time in his lengthy political career, Mayor Dave Potter is running unopposed for office, so he can take campaign season off this year. Meanwhile, four city council candidates have qualified for the Nov. 8 ballot, most recently Ashley Stoddard and Parker Logan.

A fifth who pulled papers, John Tobin, failed to get enough signatures of registered voters in Carmel to make it onto the list.

On running unopposed, Potter said, "It could say nobody's interested in the job, or maybe they think I'm doing a good job. I hope it's the latter, not the former."

Logan, 49, owns Sade's bar on Lincoln south of Ocean and lives on Scenic Road. He is a Republican and first registered to vote in Monterey County in September 2018.

Who signed

Signers on his nomination papers, which he turned in Aug. 17 just in time for the Monterey County Elections department to certify them, include restaurateur Ken Spilfogel, who pulled papers to run but withdrew after Stoddard said she would, and Frank and Susan Cardinale.

Tracy Henderson, who tried

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unsuccessfully to get Annette Yee Steck removed from the Monterey County Office of Education board, signed, but she doesn't live within the city limits, so her signature didn't count.

Lynn Ross, a strong opponent of beach fires, signed, as did Stoddard.

Stationaery restaurant owners Alissa and Anthony Carnazzo signed Logan's nomination papers, along with Jonathan and Monique Black, who live in one of the new apartments on Fifth Avenue across from the post office.

Stuart Allen, who owns the Carmel Dog Shop a few doors down from Logan's bar, signed as well.

Stoddard, 48 and a Democrat who lives in the area of San Carlos and Second, registered as a Monterey County voter in October 2018, not long after moving back here from Utah. An artist and gallery owner, she had her nomination papers signed by several artists, including Nicole Cromwell and Alyson de Guigne.

Potter and Logan also signed her form, along with longtime resident, former candidate and Carmel Residents Association board member Graeme Robertson.

Carmel Cares founder Dale Byrne signed, too.