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**From:** Daijaku <daijaku@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 14, 2025 9:44 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** New Council Member

Dear All,

Thank you for your work on behalf of our community. I learned that the vacant seat on the council will be appointed, and I understand the need to save funds. However, this removes the possibility of people making the choice. There are many important matters coming up that will impact us for years to come and I don't think this is the time to take short cuts in deciding who will make them.

I am particularly concerned that your decision lead you to choose the person who got the next largest number of votes. What happened in the past election does not necessarily reflect what would happen in a new one. If, for example, someone, who might have considered running, saw that someone with their values is already running, they might very well decide to wait or not run at all. That does not mean they, or the voters in general, would support the person who got the next largest amount of votes. In fact that person may be just the voice they do *not* want on the council.

I think it very likely that Margaux Morgan was not elected, in part, because of a preference of the others, but also because sufficient numbers of people did not, and do not, agree with her positions. Please take that into account. If you are going to appoint anyone, I hope it will be a new voice.

Yours, Judith Kinst