

With party chairman Frank McCloskey casting the tie-breaking vote, David **Rollo** emerged from Monday's Democratic caucus as the new Bloomington City Council member.

Rollo, Jim Sherman and Buff Brown were caucus candidates to fill the District 4 seat, which became empty when former council member Jeffrey Willsey resigned.

Rollo, a research associate with Indiana University's biology department, was sworn in Monday and will attend next week's council meeting as a council member.

It took three votes and two tries.

In 1996, **Rollo** filed for an at-large seat when Iris Kiesling resigned to run for a county commissioners seat.

And at Monday's caucus, the eight precinct committee members from District 4 cast three separate secret votes. The first tally brought one vote to Brown, four to **Rollo** and three to Sherman. The next two tallies were split 4-4 between Sherman and **Rollo**, so McCloskey announced **Rollo** as his pick.

Rollo said he would "work to ensure social services are well-funded."

Rollo has served on the city's environmental commission for eight years. He said he worked on the city's new growth plan and has pushed for greenspace acquisition.

Rollo said he supports cultural and natural amenities in Bloomington, calling the city's environment a comparative advantage.

He said that while on the council, he wants to develop a dialogue about greenspace within the community. He hopes to work with developers, residents and officials in creative ways that are not "polarizing."

"A large number of people feel excluded," **Rollo** said.

He said he supports downtown compact urban form and the concept of new urbanism, but stressed the importance of affordable housing.

Rollo will take the seat for the one year left in Willsey's term, and said he will file to keep the seat for another four years in this year's election.

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