

Jim Sherman, an Indiana University psychology professor, and David **Rollo**, a research associate in IU's biology department, are the two contenders so far for an open city council seat to be filled next week.

A caucus is set Monday to fill the District 4 seat — for the remaining year of the term — after Jeffrey Willsey, a Democrat, resigned this month.

Wednesday, Monroe County Democratic Party Chairman Frank McCloskey said **Rollo** and Sherman had filed documents with him. Other interested candidates have until Friday to file.

McCloskey had also expressed interest in the position, but said Wednesday he's changed his mind.

"Basically, I'm not ready at this point, given other concerns and priorities in my life, to commit to a five-year project that this would involve."

The former Bloomington mayor and six-term U.S. congressman said he's given the decision much thought and will continue to remain active.

"I'm happy and at peace with that decision. It has nothing to do with health-care concerns," he said. McCloskey was diagnosed with bladder cancer last summer and has been undergoing treatment.

Rollo, chairman of the city's environmental commission, said he is concerned with the environment and protecting the dwindling green space.

"On a city level, I feel we're really at a turning point where the city is going," **Rollo** said.

Rollo gave input on the city's new growth plan, and is interested in seeing "it materialize as a reality."

Rollo said he is also concerned about the district and its infrastructure. This will be **Rollo's** second shake with a caucus. In 1996, he filed for at an-large seat when Iris Kiesling resigned to run for county commissioners.

"I'm very proud to be a Democrat," **Rollo** said. "Whoever wins will serve the party well."

For two terms, Jim Sherman represented District 4 — before Willsey — and he wants to return to city service.

"I enjoy doing city work and serving the city. I try to make part of my life either serving the city or the university. I've done both, I enjoy both," Sherman said. He said he enjoyed seeing things get done at the city level, ranging from trash collection to improvements to streets and sidewalks.

Sherman said he is also "worried about social service agencies in Bloomington. They're getting less and less money."

He also cited the city's new growth plan as a key issue as the city works on a zoning ordinance.

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