

# Primary election Sept. 11

## Farmington Hills candidate answer League questions

The following is a questionnaire for the Farmington Hills City Council candidates sponsored by the Farmington-West Bloomfield League of Women Voters.

The primary election will be Sept. 11. Ten candidates are running. Two will be eliminated in the primary.

Questions asked the candidates were:

- 1) List your education, occupation and any additional training and experience you have had which would qualify you for this office.

Do you favor the use of federal funding in Farmington Hills? And what is your position on our city reapplying for community development ones?

What other major issues are facing city council in Farmington Hills and how should they be resolved?

**JACK BURWELL** — 36111 Crompton Circle, Clarks: bachelor of arts degree with psychology major, Wayne State University, Law School; Degree of Juris Doctor, Wayne State University Law School; matriculation, master's program (LLM), Wayne State University Law School, labor law. Occupation: Attorney at Law.

1) Twenty years experience dealing with people, their emotions, problems; all forms of dispute resolution, including advocacy of complex legal theory, negotiations, mediation, arbitration and litigation.

2) I strongly oppose the "ties" that accompany acceptance of federal funds. I believe vital decisions affecting the welfare and growth of our community should be made by local government, responsive to local interests and needs and the impact on its own citizens, free of state or federal "blackmail."

3) (a) Zoning decisions assuring preservation of property owner values, aesthetics and business growth and stability. (b) As important as the needs of senior citizens and youth services, is making informed decisions without years of debate, and allowing citizens the right to vote on sensitive and vital issues if they desire.

**D. KEITH DEACON** — 28335 Peppermill Road, Education: high school, American Institute of Banking, graduate, University of Michigan graduate school of banking. Occupation: branch

officer, Manufacturers National Bank of Detroit.

1) City council since 1973. Mayor — 1976-77, mayor pro-tem 1975-76 and 1979. Thirty-two years in finance and commercial banking. Member Economic Development Corporation.

2) I favor continued use of federal funding in this community on a selective and basis. These funds are our dollars and we are entitled to our share. These funds provide funding for drainage, roads, and improved housing which the community could not afford otherwise.

3) The most vital issues facing our community are senior citizen housing with rental subsidy and establishment of a balanced tax base between residential, multiple, commercial and industrial to minimize the impact of taxes on individuals while maintaining the character of our city. Recent establishment of the Economic Development Corporation will be valuable.

**JANETTE (JAN) DOLAN** — 30324 Wicklow Road, education: BA, University of Akron, Michigan Municipal League Conferences, SEMCOG conferences. Occupation: self-employed, former district and school teacher.

1) Council 4.5 years. Past mayor, past homeowners' association president, member of housing commission, board member, Betsford Hospital, chairman of senior housing research and information sharing committee.

2) Since becoming a city, millions of spent dollars have been returned and spent on storm water drainage, police, library, general government, recreation, roads. Federal funds will pay 70 percent toward the improvement of Orchard Lake Road. Refusing federal funds would create a tremendous burden on local taxpayers. With an acceptable plan developed with input from residents, reapplication and approval of the CDBG could further improve conditions in older areas of city.

3) Stabilize property taxes by developing a greater industrial and office tax base, improve EMS, implement sidewalk and bike path plan, continued acquisition of park land.

**MICHAEL J. O'HAIR** — 26899 LaMura, education: BA psychology, Oakland University, MA political science, Wayne State University (Public administration major, public law and

American government minors). Occupation: administrative director, department of child psychiatry, Mt. Carmel Mercy Hospital.

1) For 14 years, I have taught supervision and management, nine with local government (Detroit and Wayne County), five with Michigan Consolidated Gas — employee development manager.

2) Federal funding comes with federal controls. If this city can effectively manage under these controls in our citizens' best interest (particularly citizens most directly affected), yes.

3) One long range issue overrides many individual issues in this city. The city's master plan represents a well thought out mixture of residential and small business properties, without a dominating central city, high-rise core. As the city grows, many special interests will place increased pressure on the council to chip away at our pleasant residential character. These pressures must be resisted, and only variations consistent with preserving this character should be allowed.

**CATHERINE JONES** — 23059 Purdine, education: BA, MA Western Michigan University. Occupation: Farmington elementary school teacher.

1) Two years, city council, member citizens committee on voter participation for three years. Secretary of 17th Congressional District — Republican committee, 10 years as precinct delegate.

2) Farmington Hills couldn't have many programs without federal funding. 2.8 percent of budget is financed through federal funds. Therefore, I am in favor of federal funding. Farmington Hills has lost almost \$1 million in the two years we haven't been involved in the program. This money is needed for rehabilitation of housing. If all the requirements can be met and there is citizen agreement, then we should reapply.

3) Senior citizen housing needs are beginning to be met by the current council. There is a need to have more and inexpensive recreational activity. The economic base needs to be broadened.

**WILLIAM JAMES LANGE** — 34719 Banker Hill, education: bachelor, degree in economics, master's degree in labor and industrial relations, law degree. Occupation: attorney for the

Detroit Edison Co.

1) Experience in dealing directly and indirectly with federal and state administrative agencies and the judiciary. Knowledge and understanding of governmental bureaucracies.

2) It depends on what the federal funding is going to be used for. Federal monies for projects that benefit the entire community are noteworthy. However, I oppose that part of the community development program which requires low income housing be scattered throughout the city. If citizens want this, they should vote for it.

3) The issue of providing senior citizens housing for the city's senior citizens is of present major importance. This housing could be provided by, but not limited to, municipal bonds, increased local millage following voter approval or having seniors apply as individuals for government assistance.

**TERRY SEVER** — 34436 Beechwood Drive, education: two years at Oakland Community College, two years at Wayne State University majoring in business administration. No degrees. Occupation: printer.

1) President of the Farmington Area Jaycees. Served on a city ad hoc committee. General chairman of the Farmington Founders Festival.

2) The use of federal and community development monies would provide improvements which we otherwise can't afford. We need to evaluate our short term and long term goals. We have to decide if we increase local taxation or accept assistance from federal programs which are already using our money.

3) We must restore faith in our local

process of government. Many groups are working to improve our community, we must unite. Past development is creating a question of balance between commercial, industrial, recreational and social facilities. The city budget will have to reflect this balance through tax revenue and expenditure priorities.

**JOANNE SMITH** — 31858 Staman Circle, education: preparatory school, Marywood Academy, Aquinas College, grad work University of Michigan. Occupation: school teacher, homemaker, self-employed, city councilmember.

1) Membership archbishop's committee on human relations, zoning board of appeals, four-year term city council, past mayor pro-tem, police appeal board, executive board FAAC, civic association board.

2) Federal money totaling \$1,059,000 is in the 1979 Hills budget and the \$1,820,000 from state sharing. Police, fire, parks and recreation, home chore, major roads all benefit. Seventy percent of Orchard Lake widening is federal money. Without it taxes would soar, services drop. I favor broad citizen input, then reapplying for CD funds.

3) We face a major drain task that will cost more than \$52 million to complete. We must build miles of sidewalks and bike paths, do more in parks and recreation, continue rehabilitating older sections of town, establish a better communication system between council and citizens.

**SHIRLEY STADLER** — 26615 Westmeath Road, education: BA Oakland University, Rochester, Michigan.

Major, political science. Occupation: homemaker.

1) City planning commission; city-township committees: historic buildings and sites, bikepaths, sidewalks; many League of Women Voters Committees; delegate to state political conventions.

2) Federal funds come in many forms including money for roads and CETA employees. Primary concern regarding development grants should be local needs and control. Grants have been used to rehabilitate existing commercial and residential structures and to improve drainage in the southeast section. I support continuing these programs but oppose introduction of additional low income housing.

3) Increase citizen understanding and cooperation by seeking their input and giving complete explanations for council decisions. Maintain low millage by reducing development costs in the industrial park through capital intensive zoning and implementing suggestions of Economic Development Corporation. Better emergency assistance by improving EMS.

**DONN WOLF** — 23828 Barfield Drive, education: University of Michigan, bachelor's degree in philosophy; Episcopal Theological School, master's degree in theology. Occupation: community and governmental affairs coordinator, Detroit Edison.

1) Job experience with federal, state and local government legislation and agencies. Instructor-consultant, governmental affairs, treasurer for political action committee, member of citizens ad hoc committee.

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