

Seek Farmington council seats

Candidates respond to issues

Following are candidate statements from those seeking seats on the city of Farmington council. Seven candidates are vying for three seats. Two of the seats are for four years, one is for two years.

The candidates' responses were solicited by the Farmington-West Bloomfield League of Women Voters.

WARREN BUCKLER, 23060 Lilac. Incumbent. Graduated with honors from Farmington High School. Received Bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University, Juris Doctor, Illinois Institute of Technology/Chicago-Kent College of Law. He is an attorney.

He has been a councilman for two years, is the Farmington council delegate to SEMCOG general assembly; Farmington Beautification Commission; Industrial and Economic Development Commission; Farmington Area Jaycees.

"The chief issues facing Farmington today are the following: dealing with the increasing cost of providing city services; coping with increased water and sewer rates passed along by the city of Detroit; road maintenance; sewer separation; area solid waste disposal system; downtown development; recreation; transportation; historical preservation; awareness of federal, state and

county legislation which may affect Farmington.

"In resolving these problems, the City Council must seek the views of residents and be responsive to their needs. Careful studying and planning are required. The city council and the city administration must continue to work together to improve our community."

RONALD G. GAVEL, 23061 Warner. Earned an associate's degree and is employed in product planning and development.

"Being new in politics with fresh ideas and a willingness to learn will be an asset to the residents of our community," Gavel said.

"One of the chief issues should be the reorganization of the police and fire departments. I would keep the police department as a crime, traffic and law enforcement agency only. I would not have them filling in as firemen, also."

"They should be specialists in their field, law enforcement, and not a jack-of-all-trades. The fire department should still be a volunteer force, but with a full-time fire chief who would also act as a training coordinator for the force. This would keep our police force where they belong, patrolling the community, and not having to be pulled in as fire fighters."

WILLIAM S. HARTSOCK, 23196 Cass. A graduate of Our Lady of Sorrows High School and Eastern Michigan University. Earned degrees in accounting and political science. Employed as a certified public accountant.

He has been a councilman for six years; mayor pro tem, two years; Zoning Board of Appeals, two years; Planning Commission, two years; master plan sub-committee; capital improvements sub-committee.

"The city council is charged with the responsibility of providing for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens that it serves. In fulfillment of this obligation the council must define goals and develop programs that encourage popular support and participation."

"Specifically, it should encourage and participate in the restoration and redevelopment of the central business district; provide recreational activities and facilities for citizens of all ages; protect the historical district through responsible zoning; work to gain optimum returns on tax dollars; assist the Farmington Arts Council in sponsoring cultural and artistic activities; and generate citizens' interest in civic affairs."

CHARLAN LORENZ, 31541 Marblehead Drive. A graduate of Lawrence Institute of Technology with a bachelor of science degree in industrial management. Manager of purchases.

He has an advanced education in management, engineering, materials requirement planning and productivity improvement. He is a member of the Farmington Jaycees, and involved with Boy Scouts Troop 45 and the Goodfellowes.

"The city of Farmington is a unique community which is blessed with good leadership as well as citizen involvement in the various boards and commissions."

"The current leadership can measure their success in their joint effort with the business community in the development of the downtown shopping center. However, an equal emphasis must be

given to encouraging the use and upgrading of the other commercial and residential buildings throughout the community to prevent a blight which neither the city nor its citizens can afford."

MICHELE RHOTON, 23523 Wesley. Attended Oakland Community College and Eastern Michigan University and is a fulltime mother and homemaker.

A Farmington resident six years, she is current president and past vice president of the Woodcroft Civic Association and a member of Our Lady of Sorrows, where she taught religious education.

"A major issue in any community today is lack of trust people have for their elected officials. Too many citizens feel they are forgotten once a candidate is elected. I plan to be available the afternoon prior to council meetings for the people."

"Maintain the current business trade in our shopping areas by encouraging store upkeep and building occupancy. We need to organize a business development authority for that purpose. Costs and inflation concern the people. City spending should be kept within the rate of inflation or below. Encourage conservation within city expenditures just as the taxpayer is forced to do."

RALPH D. YODER, 31661 Lamar Dr. A graduate of Farmington High School, he is sales manager at Tri-County Enterprises, Inc.

Yoder has been a councilman 14½ years; mayor three years; planning commission, four years; board of zoning appeals, five years; retirement board, nine years; recreation commission, four years.

"We must continue to provide a high degree of service while attempting to maintain our present tax rate, one of the lowest in Oakland County."

"We must resolve the problem of pollution to the upper Rouge River. A stalemate exists between the city, the Department of Natural Resources and the Environmental Protection Agency and must be resolved by federal grant funding."

United Way chooses local state chairman

James W. Trunk, of Farmington Hills, has been selected to chair a major statewide committee of the United Way of Michigan for 1979-1980.

Trunk, general staff supervisor for Michigan Bell Telephone Co., will head the formula committee.

He will be responsible for developing an equitable and systematic quota formula wherein United Way's statewide goal can be assigned to each of the 102 United Ways throughout Michigan.

In addition, Trunk has served as an industry solicitor in Detroit's United Foundation Torch Drive.

ELECT
MICHAEL J. O'HAIR
TO
FARMINGTON HILLS COUNCIL

- M.A. in Public Administration
- 10 years Government Service
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