# Hills voters to consider charter changes

on Jan. 1, following the election?
Under the current provision, outgoing council members — incumbents
who lost the recent election or those
who chose not to seek re-election —
must continue to serve until Jan. 1,
when the newly elected members take
office.

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The amendment would eliminate lame-duck council members and require newly elected members to take office immediately following the elections verification.

• PROPOSITION B
Shall the city charter, subsection
C of section 2.08 relating to the filling of council vacancies be amended to provide that vacancies to a
council position shall be filled at the
next odd-year general election
rather than at the next November
general election?
If passed, the amendment would require candidates filling a council vacancy to serve until the next regular
odd-year ely council election. This
would eliminate running the risk that
city candidates would be forced to seek

election during a presidential election year and the commonly lengthy ballot. Passage of this amendment would not eliminate the council's ability to appoint someone to fill a council va-cancy.

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When the Farmington Hills City
Council last January suggested putting
this proposition on the bailot, members
referred to the overwhelming competition and expense of running during a
presidential clection. Votors in these
elections tend to put more emphasis on
balloting for state and federal offices
rather than local ones, said City Clerk

• PROPOSITION C
Shall the city charter of the city of
Farmington Hills, section 3.01C and
3.02A, be amended to eliminate the
need for a primary election for the
nomination of candidates to the city

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The current provision the city conceil to the current provision the city must bold a primary election if the number of candidates running is twice as many as the number of open seats. In the city's non-partisan elections, a primary has been used to simply reduce the number of candidates, Reynolds said.

In the city's 12-year history, only two primaries have been held. The first was in 1977 when 11 candidates ran for four seats. The primary eliminated three of the candidates. The second was in 1979 when 10 candidates were eliminated in the primary.

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Reynolds said. In the event \$10,000 — the cost of such an election, Reynolds said. In the event that nine candidates are vying for four seats, the city has to be are the repense of a primary to eliminate only one candidate. Putting additional names on an election ballot does not represent a problem or a major expense, Reynolds said.

PROPOSITION D

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 Shall the city charter of the city of
 Farmington Hills, Section 3.0% be
 amended to allow members of
 boards and commissions to become
 candidates for election to the council without first resigning from said
 appointed position? Under the current provision, mem

bers of any city-appointed board or commission must resign that position to run for city council. Farmington Hills council candidate Jonathan Grant Hills council candidate Jonathan Grantino as vice president of the Farmington Community Library Beard of Trustices. In 1984, Councilman Ben Maris was forced to resign his position on the Farmington Hills Planning Commission to seek council election.

Passage of the proposition would bring consistency to election qualifications in the city charter, which does not require city council members to resign their positions when socking election to county and state office.

If the amendment is passed, board or commission members who are council candidates would be allowed to continue in their positions if they lose the election, Reynolds said.

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PROPOSITION E
Shall the city charter of the city of Farmington Hills, section 7.001, meetings to change the convening date of the board of review to the first Thesday after the first Monday in March to review the assessment roll, and to change the public hearing dates to begin on the second Monday in March, and to provide notice requirements to all property owners when their assessed valuation is increased?

If passed, the amendment will accompile two changes in the city's Board of Review process, said Assesso Doan Babb. The charter curvalled to the Control of t

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CHURCHILL CALLED the 1978 U.S.-initiated Israeli-Egyptian peace accords at Camp David a necessary first step toward peace in the Middle East.

The second step should not be negotiations with the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), Churchill said.

The second step with Israeli's prime minister, Shimon Peres, strongly supports, is peace talks with Jordan's King Hussein.

His one great anxiety about peace in the Middle East is the rapid spread of nuclear technology and weapons. If they had the firepower, Churchill maintained, Libya's Muammar Qad-dail wouldn't hesitate to use a nuclear

bomb on Egypt and Iran's Ayatollah Khomelni wouldn't hesitate to bomb Iraq. And If Iraq had a bomb, Iran would be blown off the map. And all three nations would drop a nuclear bomb "with gusto on Israel," If they had one.

IN 1967, Churchill said he learned "an unique lesson in history" from Da-vid Ben-Gurion, former Israeli prime

vid Ben-Gurion, former Israeli prime minister.
Churchili met Ben-Gurion for breakfast at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem. As they met, the 7 a.m. news announced that Gamal Abdel Nasser, then Egyptian president, had closed the Straits of Teheran and blocked the Gulf of Aqaba.
Ben-Gurion said to Churchill, "This means war." The Six-Day War began shortly after the conversation. Ben-Gurion asked Churchill, "What is defeat for the Araba?"

The question went unanswered.
"For Israel," Churchill quoted BenGurion, "defeat means extinction of a
nation, and the ending of all our
dreams."

dreams."

THE TWO men looked out over old Jerusalem and the city of David, which houses 3,000 years of Jewish history. Churchill called this conversation 'a deeply moving mystical experience." Churchill, however, recognizes the interests and rights of the homeless Palestinian people.

After visiting Palestinian refugee camps in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, he called the Palestinians' 'hopelessness, stark and bortfying.'

In contrast, Churchill noted that Is-

el, he said.

BUT THE Palestinian Arabs have no such refuge. Palestinians have been shunned and kept in concentration-like refugee camps by their leadership. Churchill maintained.

"Oil shelks could so easily help them (Palestinian refugees), he maintained.
"They (Palestinian refugees) are kept there (in refugee camps) as a permanent sense of grievance" to the whole world.

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"I do believe it's (the situation in the Middle East) capable of resolution," Churchill stressed.

He quoted a favorite maxim of his grandfather's as the message to both larael and Technion supporters; "Always grasp the larger."

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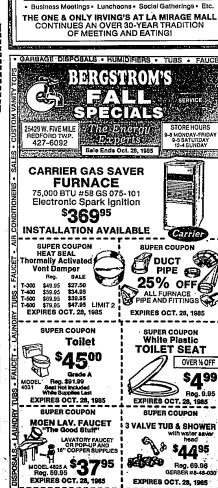
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