

Bennett, Campbell, Tupper triumph

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About 17 percent of the city's 7,897 registered voters turned out for the non-partisan balloting — similar to the turnout during the last council election in 1983.

BENNETT, A councilman for 10 years and a resident for 18 years, captured 819 votes. The 55-year-old East Middle School principal was the leading vote-getter at three of the six precincts. "I'm very pleased

that citizens chose to have me serve another four years," said Bennett, mayor 1981-83. "It was a good, close race."

Campbell, the EDC's assistant secretary and a seven-year resident, was "just thrilled" at the results. Trailing Bennett by only 23 votes, he also was the voters' favorite in three precincts.

The 35-year-old product problem analyst for Ford Motor Co. attributed his success to help he received

from friends. He also conducted a personal, five-week, door-to-door blitz of the Farmington community.

"I understand city government. I think people like to have a candidate who understands the issues," said Campbell, Farmington Meadows Homeowners Association governmental affairs chairman and a member of the Downtown Farmington Task Force.

TUPPER, A councilman from 1971 to 1982 and mayor 1977-79, finished 32 votes behind Campbell. His 84 votes among absentee voters was tops in that category.

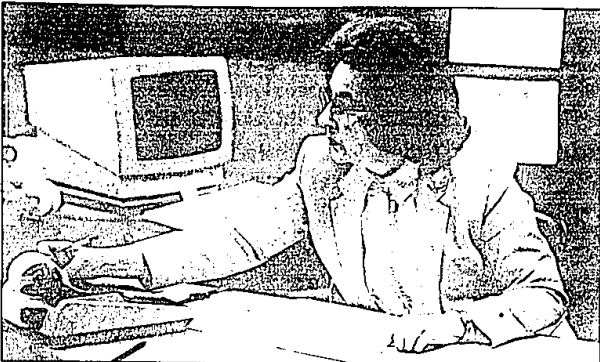
The 52-year-old owner of Tupper Associates in Farmington Hills, Tupper has lived in Farmington more than 40 years. The Farmington High School graduate has held many civic and government posts through the years. He pointed to low voter turnout — only 1,311 actual voters — as the basis for his "disappointing" third-place finish.

Walker, who received 433 votes — 321 less than Tupper — said he is "very proud. The campaign was fair and honest. I am happy with the slate," he said.

Walker, 64, is retired from Michigan Bell as an executive assistant and is now an associate real estate broker. The 51-year resident said it would be good for the city to "have some young blood," referring to Campbell's win.

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Left: Farmington city clerk Josephine Dushay tallies votes as they come in from the six precincts during Tuesday's city council election.

Farmington City Council Election

Tuesday, Nov. 5, 1985 — Local Precinct Breakdown

Precincts	Bennett	Campbell	Tupper	Walker	Mihelich	Lynch
1. City Hall	164	168	181	101	63	50
2. American Legion	122	100	97	50	82	56
3. Farmington High	95	73	75	46	47	65
4. Flanders School	91	151	76	29	40	42
5. Longacre School	186	151	184	90	79	50
6. Training Center	82	84	77	56	53	40
Absentee	79	61	84	61	44	25
Totals	819	786	754	433	388	328

Registered voters, 7,897; actual voters, 1,311; turnout percentage, 16.6 percent.

Vote counts are unofficial.



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