

Levy Urges Machine To Begin Campaigning

FARMINGTON — Dr. Burton Levy has charged the present Farmington Township government with being a do-nothing political machine running a do-nothing election campaign while the administration of the police department crumbles around them.

Levy, a Democratic candidate for township trustee, made this assessment during a "campaign coffee" on Sunday in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Irving Miller.

Levy demanded that his Republican opponent, "stand up and campaign, tell the voters what you've done, and don't rely on your party label to pull you through."

LEVY TOLD the audience that citizens of the township were "eyewitnesses to the misuse and abuse of the process of democratic government."

"The machine has been in power for 12 years. Most of the jobs and appointments have been given to friends,

people who never disagree with the machine.

"People can't reach them in their offices during working hours, they don't answer letters or telephone calls. They carry on the township business behind closed doors."

"And all the while, township services and particularly the police department crumbles next to them."

Levy continued: "I defy anyone to read the township budget and be able to understand what happens in our tax dollars. They tell you how many dollars are spent. But they don't tell you what are the programs and priorities."

"What is the road program? What is the drainage program? What is the law enforcement program? What is the business development program? You don't find it written down anywhere, and you surely won't find an official willing to talk."

LEVY CHARGED: "The political machine sets up

committees to give the impression that something is being done about a problem, but it is really a gimmick."

"A police review board was established last year. During that time, law enforcement in the township has had more scandal and bad publicity than almost all the governments of Oakland County put together. Yet, the police review board has not met more than once or twice. In fact, the secretary in township hall told me that she cannot find the files for the board."

"A township Housing Commission was appointed in January. My opponent is chairman of that commission, and the commission had only one meeting since. A township trustee should not be a member of the Housing Commission. A senior citizen should be chairman because it is for senior citizens that the housing commission was established."

LEVY HAD HIS sharpest criticism for his opponents because they were not campaigning for office in the November election. "My opponents have not issued one press release, have not printed any literature on the issues in this campaign, have not said a thing about the future of this community during the next four years."

"This is an insult to every voter, Republican, Democrat, independent, alike. My opponents think that they will sneak into office on the govern-

ment's coattails because a majority of township voters have a general attachment to the Republican Party."

"The people in Farmington Township know that there is no Democratic party platform dealing with township issues. The people want elected officials with honesty, integrity and vision."

"They want elected officials and civil servants who will do a day's work, who will listen, who will respond. And that's what I promise the voters."

LEVY SAID that his election would move the township in the direction of:

"A complete overhaul of the leadership, training and supervision of the police department and an administration that would be available to the citizens, would provide services and answer questions."

"An end to the kind of strip zoning and commercial development that would make the township a concrete community in 10 years."

"A township budget that would tell what the tax money does, appointments to township boards and committees of people who will work particularly appointing senior citizens to the housing commission and an end to closed-door decision making."

Levy is a professor of political science at Wayne State University. He is vice-president of Urban Era Associates, and holds a Ph.D. degree in government.

He has been a consultant to the U.S. Department of Justice for the past six years, and was a member of the Wayne County Crime Control and Prevention Project Team in 1969. He is nationally known for his work and studies in police-community relations and government.



BARUCH CAMPAIGNS—Leonard Baruch (second from left) was campaigning in the Farmington area over the weekend in his third attempt to win the House seat now held by Rep. Raymond L. Baker (R-Farmington)

Discussing issues are (from left): Wil Muratzki, Baruch, Ruth Magen and Judge Carl F. Ingram, District 48. (Evert photo).

Must Enforce The Law Against Polluters- Baruch

By EMORY DANIELS

Effective law enforcement is the key ingredient to combating pollution says Leonard Baruch, Southfield Democrat who is running for the 64th District House seat now held by Rep. Raymond L. Baker (R-Farmington).

Baruch, who has run twice and lost twice, has entered the campaign again and hopes his third attempt will be successful.

"ON POLLUTION, Baruch says there must be effective laws which will be enforced against those who pollute our waters and air."

"If a citizen throws a piece of paper on the highway, he is subject to a \$100 fine," says Baruch. "Why should the polluter escape punishment equal to his crime."

"The polluter should be punished in proportion to the crime he commits. If a citizen is asked to pay \$100 for litter, a polluter certainly should not be slapped lightly for his misdeeds."

Baruch adds: "We must put all on notice that pollution is a crime and that the punishment will be equal to the crime. The state has the licensing and tax rights which could be used to help solve this problem."

THE CHALLENGER criticized the actions Baker took in the House on House Bill 3053 which gives citizens opportunity to sign a complaint against a polluter.

Baker voted for an amendment which said the state must prove pollution was "unreasonable," says Baruch. After voting for the amendment which killed the intent of HB 3053, Baruch continues, Baker then voted for the bill itself.

Baker is an artist at placing his votes to defend himself against any special lobbying groups, Baruch contended. Baruch is a librarian at Detroit's Cooley High School and owns and directs a children's summer camp in Potoskey. He

is married, has three children and has lived in Southfield for eight years. He holds a BS and MA degrees from Wayne State University.

"I FEEL Raymond Baker lacks any leadership ability as evidenced by the fact that he exercises no leadership ability at all in the Legislature," said Baruch.

"This area is growing fast. It is an important area, and needs a voice in the legislature. Baker is a very passive type person who introduces little legislation."

"On the (really important) issues, Baker never introduces legislation of his instrument in pushing legislation."

Not only is Baker uninvolved in what's happening, Baruch maintained, but he doesn't even ask his constituents what they think about the issues.

Baruch said Baker doesn't communicate with fellow legislators, with government leaders back home or with the voters he represents.

BARUCH THEN turned to a discussion of what he believes the important issues are which must be met by the Legislature.

"In terms of the greatest amount of money and effort expended, education is the single most important issue."

"What generally happens in Lansing is that you have a response to an emergency but very few people who anticipate a problem."

"Problems discussed by the Legislature provide a great fury of activity while they arise, but we need people with eyes open enough to anticipate situations before they become an intolerable mess."

"The constant patchwork in the area of education is a very poor way of handling the problem," says Baruch.

THE LEGISLATURE should have a total comprehension of the function of education, he continued.

"Where do we put emphasis

and what's important?" he asked. "IS continuing education better than in a new building which duplicates existing buildings?"

"Can community colleges operate in existing public school buildings such as is being done now in Wayne County Community College District?"

Public school buildings are empty late afternoon and evening each day, said Baruch, which is a greater waste than not having year-round school.

ON TAXATION Baruch commented that the spiraling property tax is going to inflate

even more in township areas which continue to enjoy rapid growth.

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