

# Alkateeb and Fox pace council field

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For a first campaign, attorney Cassar made a good showing, capturing 1,095 votes. In the newcomers' circle, self-employed businessman Lytwynluk followed Cassar with 934 votes, private investigator Heenan with 692 and maintenance worker Kielpinski with 549.

In a breakdown of the unofficial vote tallies, Alkateeb captured the most absentee votes with a total of 1,635. Fox followed with 1,400 and Sever with 1,326. Though Vagnozzi beat Dudley, she made a better showing in absentee ballots. She captured 1,221 absentee votes to Vagnozzi's 1,196.

DESPITE TAKING second place, Fox captured the majority of the city's 27 voting precincts with a total of 19. Alkateeb took nine precincts and tied with Fox for precinct 25 at Gill Elementary School.

In her first bid for council election, Fox, a well-known city activist and local historian, surprised herself, coming in second to Alkateeb's overwhelming lead of 4,014 votes.

"There was a good quality of people running," Fox said. "I didn't expect to get second place. We're very happy. There were many, many people

who worked on this campaign. It was a broad-based campaign. We have worked in this community for a long, long time, and people remember that."

Alkateeb, who reportedly spent about \$10,000 and sported the most

political signs of all nine candidates, was unavailable for comment.

Vagnozzi and Sever were overjoyed with their successful campaigns. Vagnozzi chalked up much of his success to hard work. "I think my door-to-door campaign paid off," he

said, adding residents waiting in line at the polls Tuesday recognized him from his visits to their homes.

"I figured it would be a tough fight for that fourth spot," Vagnozzi continued. "It's hard to beat incumbents."

OVERJOYED WITH his success was Sever, who in two previous elections came in last place and requested vote recounts. In fact, the recounts haunted Sever, who said he went to sleep Monday night wondering whether he again might have to ask for a recount. "I thought I would

lose by three votes. I've never been willing to accept victory until the final vote is in.

"I was looking for an affirmation of my first two years," Sever continued. "Overall, I did better than I thought."

## 'She's a fighter'

### Ousted councilwoman to stay active

By Joanne Maliszewski  
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News of veteran Farmington Hills city councilwoman Joan Dudley's defeat Tuesday shocked most candidates and election watchers.

"I'm very surprised. She's a fighter," Mayor Ben Marks said.

Third-place victor Terry Sever and fourth-place finisher Aldo Vagnozzi were equally surprised. "I'm disappointed that Joan's not going to be there," Sever said.

"I was surprised that she lost. All the indications were that she was going to win," Vagnozzi said.

In her bid for a third term, Dudley trailed fourth-place finisher Aldo Vagnozzi by 151 votes. Only the top four vote-getters won council seats. Dudley fell more than 900 votes short of top victor Joe Alkateeb's total 4,014 votes and 629 votes short of second-place finisher Jean Fox.

Disappointed, Dudley said late Tuesday that she would now devote more of her time to her new legal practice and the recently formed Cultural Committee. "I wish everyone the best of luck," she said.

Now calling herself a private citizen, Dudley expressed concern over the amount of money candidates spent on their campaigns as well as the growing political partisanship of the city council elections.

"HOW MANY people would be eliminated from running for election in this city? And how sad it is," Dudley said, referring to the money spent, particularly by top victors Alkateeb and Fox.

Dudley said the city council should

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consider putting on the ballot a request to change the city charter's requirement that council elections remain non-partisan.

"It (partisanship) might as well be in the open instead of behind the scenes," she said.

The Farmington Republican Club endorsed candidates Alkateeb, Fox, Sever and newcomer Richard Lytwynluk. The Farmington Democratic Club endorsed Vagnozzi and Dudley. Contributions from the two political parties were evident in campaign expense records of both Fox and Vagnozzi.

The Republican Club also mailed out letters heavily criticizing Dudley's voting record, particularly on child home day care, massage parlor licensure and the host party ordinance.

"I'm not sure what effect the Republicans' letter had," said Vagnozzi, who also was mentioned in that letter. "I thought the letter was unfair. And it took one little issue out of context. But it really rallied the Republicans."

Marks touted Dudley's work with the city, beginning with her role as a charter commissioner in the early 1970s, followed by her first election to the council in 1973. She also was the city's first woman mayor in her

first term. Dudley was elected to a second term in 1984, after returning from a stint in Texas.

"SHE HAS served the city well," Marks said. "I've known her from the charter days, and she's very bright. She's hard-working and dedicated. The years she gave to the city were good. She believed in what she was doing."

Sever agreed. "Whether you agree with her or not, she's one who does her homework," he said, adding that he considers her one of the most hard-working and knowledgeable council members.

The new council, particularly without Dudley, Sever continued. "It will be quite a change. It's going to be a different council with a different flavor. It's going to be different."

About Dudley's years with the city, Vagnozzi said: "I thought her first four years were more productive. I guess there was more friction in the last four years. And that's no secret."

Dudley often had public arguments with Alkateeb and councilman Donn Wolf, who did not seek reelection. Many have criticized the three for the obvious personal disagreements that showed in public.

Vagnozzi also touted Dudley's role as the civil libertarian and said he will continue much of what she expressed concern for in the weekly council business.

"I will continue concern expressed in many areas she was interested in," Vagnozzi said. "What is needed is a different approach."



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Two-term councilwoman Joan Dudley was with campaign supporters at the Fairmont Park Clubhouse when she learned her bid for a third term came up short.



Raymond Cassar  
good showing

## Farmington Hills City Council Election

Tuesday, Nov. 3, 1987 — Local Precinct Breakdown

Precincts:	Alkateeb	Cassar	Dudley	Fox	Heenan	Kielpinski	Lytwynluk	Sever	Vagnozzi
1. Power Middle	142	43	60	106	30	37	37	144	98
2. Wheeler Fire Hall	54	31	52	42	29	15	11	46	60
3. Woodcreek School	161	31	57	157	14	12	26	135	125
4. Power Middle	21	15	23	21	10	6	8	23	20
5. Grace School	107	35	103	106	37	25	23	108	102
6. Larkshire School	44	17	47	49	16	15	9	40	59
7. Dunckel Middle	92	27	54	98	13	14	21	81	62
8. East Middle	218	63	151	142	23	27	36	192	175
9. East Middle	53	19	50	58	7	7	16	68	61
10. Dunckel Middle	127	46	115	115	18	24	36	98	90
11. North Farmington	145	59	107	149	26	16	26	127	123
12. East Middle	146	46	136	125	23	17	39	146	181
13. Grace School	36	17	42	50	10	7	21	33	45
14. Alameda Center	64	33	57	66	14	18	24	73	75
15. Gill School	69	15	46	74	14	10	11	51	40
16. Fairview Center	72	12	58	66	9	9	6	60	48
17. Alameda Center	73	17	77	103	18	13	14	70	65
18. Highmeadow Center	79	21	59	71	19	15	29	54	69
19. Forest School	118	40	81	99	19	19	16	94	101
20. Fire Headquarters	103	42	88	121	16	10	21	57	70
21. Dunckel School	68	36	36	71	15	6	18	66	51
22. North Farmington	139	44	123	121	18	13	19	99	102
23. Kenbrook School	68	28	63	72	19	4	21	85	60
24. San Marino	27	8	19	31	6	8	11	27	18
25. Gill School	82	7	69	82	13	16	13	80	59
26. Hope Lutheran	54	23	52	80	12	6	18	47	43
27. San Marino	17	12	16	16	5	4	10	15	14
Absentee	1,635	308	1,221	1,400	239	176	394	1,326	1,196
Totals	4,014	1,095	3,062	3,691	692	549	934	3,425	3,213

Registered voters, 42,953; actual voters, 5,989; turnout percentage, 14 percent  
Vote counts are unofficial.



### MEET THE MYSTERY MAN

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November 7, 12-2 p.m., Dearborn  
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