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Candidates focus on solid waste issue

staff writer

Farmington Hills Democrat Steven Hill belleves there's dissatisfaction with the Oakland County executive and board of commissioners on plans for solid waste disposal.

The creation a year ago of the six-community Southwest Solid Waste Consortium that includes Farmington and Farmington Hills is testament to that dissatisfaction. "This is a point of criticism for the county executive and the board's inability to plan for unity," Hill said.

Hill, 27, and Farmington Hills Republican Donn Wolf, 53, will square-off in the Nov. 8 general election for the Oakland County Board of Commissioners 27th District seat, which represents Farmington and much of Farmington and much of Wolf belleves there must be a compromise between county officials, consortium members and

other off-shoot groups in the county studying solid waste.
"I want to see both of them get together somebow," Wolf sald, refer-ring to the consortium and commis-sioners led by chairman Roy Rewold.
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Wolf told a small gathering at the Council of Homeowners Associations of Farmington Hills candidates alght Oct. 25 that he has met with commissioners and plans to meet with consortlum members to find out just what agreement there might be between the two groups.

"I'M FINDING there is agree-ment. They must get together for a countywide facility," said Wolf, a Detroit Edison community and gov-ernmental affairs representative. He also is a former eight-year Farming-ton Hills city cuncilman. Hill favors "interlocal govern-ment agreements regarding county services; pooling is a trend of the fu-

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ture." He prefers governments Joling forces and sharing resources, personnel and equipment. Hill is a Democratic Caucus legislative research analyst for the Michigan House of Representatives.

"We know local units of government have problems outside of their boundaries and their resources all limited. And state government is unable to provide financial assistance," he said.

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The six communities in the con-sortium that did not join the county's project have discussed the possibil-ty of creating an authority under Public Act 233. Creation of an au-

thority will be considered if the up-dated county plan does not provide equity in costs and voting power as well as facilities considered neces-sary by the consortium, according to members.

WOLF BELIEVES all sides in the solid waste debate in Oakland County must join forces. "I would hope the two sides could find a compromise that would result in all communities participating in a plan," be said. "This would result in cost efficlencies that neither side can obtain separately."

Wolf also calls the disagreements over a plan and facilities project for solid waste disposal in the county more of an 'organizational problem. There are some issues they can agree on. I believe the differences can be resolved. Hopefully, we're not going to get two or three different systems."

Headlee donates sculpture to embassy

Farmington Hills-based Alexander Hamilton Life Insurance Co. of America, will complete the corpo-rate donation of a sizable bronze casting entitled "Signing of the Con-stitution" to the U.S. Embassy in London.

London. The original of the 2-foot high, by 3.4-foot by 3.4-foot bronze easting of six signers of the U.S. Constitution, including Alexander Hamilton, was created by American sculptor Dennls Smith for display in the home office lobby of Alexander Hamilton Life Insurance Co. of America in

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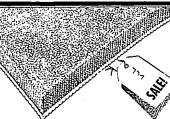
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