Deadline to register to vote: Oct. 10

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fort to help bring about ethnic harmony? I fort to help bring about ethnic harmony? Our city council has been very sensitive to the needs and concern of all races, in order to foster greater harmony and understanding. However, consideration could be given to cultural exchange days between community-based groups, intercultural festivals to share customs, traditions, food, etc.; and "open discussions" in schools, churches, youth and adult groups, and professional organizations to create a better understanding of discrimination, injustice and racism.

2. Should city conneil meetings be cablecast to help bring municipal government closer to the tampayers? What else can the city do to inspire more interest and involvement among residents?

The closest tway for the tampayers to get closer to government is to attend city concell meetings in person. This also enables citizens to express concerns or ask questions.

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As evidenced by this election, we are creating more interest and involvement among residents. We must continue to avail the services of the local news media and make personal contacts to recruit and encurrage interested persons to serve courage interested persons to serve on the various city boards.

3. The Downtown Development Authority has completed the first two phases of a five-phase, \$1.4 mil-lion streetscape improvement pro-gram. Has the \$780,000 spent so far been development district tax mon-

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Absolutely. Not only has the \$780,000 been well spent to revive our downtown appearance, but it has also inspired other private invest-ments on new facade and building improvements and beautification en-deavors in other areas of our city as well.

4. Do you support curbside recycling of recyclable solid waste? How should it be paid for?
Yes, I support curbside recycling. It is every clitzen's responsibility to share the cost through taxes on the disposing of solid waste whether through recycling, composting, incineration, etc. Unfortunately, we have earned the distinction of being a "wasteful society." It is encouraging to see the response already, from residents who are taking some of their waste to the city's recycling center.

5. How well do you feel city offi-cials are balancing neighborbood needs against downtown redevelop-

ment?
In dealing with the problems asso-clated with redevelopment and im-provements, we have attempted to address fully the concerns that have been shared with the city council. As city officials, we are always con-

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its small-town image. The work of
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visitors and businesses alike.

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Recycling of solid waste is imperative to preserving our natural
resources. I feel in a community
such as ours, the only efficient way
to support this effort is curbaide recycling. Extensive research in
methodology is important to ensure
that the procedure is done in the
most cost-effective manner. Initial
minding should be obtained through a
bond issue. With proper administration, operating costs should have a
minimal effect on taxation.

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cerned about the health, safety and
welfare of our residents, no matter
where they live in the city.
There have been incentives given
to contractors to complete construction projects cariler than deadlines
so as not to inconvenience citizens.
As a city councilwoman, the integrity of our neighborhoods and historic
district is very important and significant to me. However, keeping a
downtown viable and alive is important, too, for this is what keeps
our community wibrant and healthy
... and property values on the upward swing.

6. Is the 23-officer public safety department adequately staffed to handle police and fire calts? If not, would you support a fax increase to hire more officers?

Our public safety department is doing an excellent job with its current staff. Farmington can be proud, and feel secure with its police and fire protection. We have one of the best departments in the state, perhaps the nation. If it became apparent that more officers were needed, and the need was substantiated in detail, consideration would be given toward a tax increase.

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Not only are we getting adequate and sufficient services, our city services.

and sufficient services, our city services are keeping pace with the times. Our city is well-governed, and runs on a tight budget.

8. Is the tax rate affordable to most residents?

Yes, I feel it is, and the residents are getting the most for their tax dollars. I don't see many, if any, residents leaving Farmingion because they can't afford to live in our city.

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No, however, I do concur with the six-mile radius residency require-

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ment?
There has been an obvious concentration on the downtown area in the past (ew years. I would hope to see a shift of focus to the neighborhoods.

6. Is the 23-offlicer public safety department adequately staffed to handle police and fire calls? If not, would you support a tax increase to hire more officers?

Our public safety department should be commended for the fine job it is doing. Latest reports on police and fire calls the civily within the city seem to support the force is adequately staffed to maintain this level.

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most residents?
Yes, by design, taxes are relative
to bousing values and Farmington's
tax rate is comparable with neigh-boring communities. Residents typi-cally can afford the taxes on housing
within their means.

in several surrounding cities.

10. Should the city continue to be part of the six-city Southwest Oakland County consortions that's persuing a separate solid waste disposal plan or should it Join the county-administered plan?

I have continually supported the feasibility study involving the cities of Farmington, Farmington Hills, Southfield, Walled Lake, Novi and South Lyon. I am interested in developing the best possible cost-efficient disposable plan for our city, whether we are a part of the Southwest Oakland County Solid Waste Authority or a countywide system. The bottom line is to find a way to reduce the amount of unusable waste that is taken to the landfill.

11. Would you favor annual joint meetings between this community three by the sound partial citions: the Farmington City Council, Farmington Hills City Council and Farmington school board?
Currently, the two cities meet yearly for the purpose of hearing budget requests for joint district services. We have also met to discuss senior citizens' and library needs. If there was a purpose to meet with the school board, I would favor a meeting. The city council receives school board in word and the serves as a constant means of communication.

12. What general directive should the council give to the new traffic safety advisory committee?

It is hoped that the seven members on this board will consider all matters and inquiries pertaining to those activities or traffic devices that would decrease the number of accidents throughout the entire city, as well as consider matters expressed by cilizens. Any recommended changes should then be presented to the city council.

13. What are the top two challenges for the city as 1990 approaches?

es?
There are several top challenges as we approach 1990; however, the top two, I-feel, are the disposal of the top two, 14cet, are the disposal of the city's solld waste and the desire to obtain suitable tenants for the available retail and office space in our city. Followed closely behind would be traffic flow conditions, widening Orchard Lake Road and peaceful harmony.

14. What prompted your candida

It have a sincere interest to main-tain and enhance a well-governed city and make the necessary im-provements to keep our city the most attractive place to live, alon-and enjoy, therefore, I seek to retain my position on the city council. Farmington has been good to me and serving my city through service, leadership and knowledge, is a total commitment to my community.

9. Should public safety officers be required to live in the city? (At present, they must live within a six-mile radius of the city). No. Considering the small size of our city, the current six-mile radius requirement is adequate to ensure residents' safety during an emergenery.

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I feel the city should continue its involvement with the consortium, laving reviewed their conceptual design and cest analysis, I find it to be a very thorough and cost-diffective plan. By participating in a consortium of cities with similar composition, we are able to develop a plan more failored to our needs.

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Yes, It is very important that these three functions maintain continuity of focus in order to maximize results while avoiding conflict.

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I have always had a desire to be involved in city government, as evidenced by my involvement on the historical commission and the zoning board of appeals, I believe that the city of Farmington is at a cruel point in its materiation and that now is the time for a proactive approach to city government rather than the current reactive approach.

1. A biracial Farmington family has endered racial slars for two years. What can the city do belghten public awareness in an effort to bring about ethalc harmony. We will not tolerate any racial incidents to the residents of the city. The public safety department stands ready to react to these incidents when reported. Many diverse nationalities and ethalc herriages are represented in Farmington, and it is my bope and desire that we all live harmondously.

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While some cities believe telecasting council meetings is a proper way
to spend tarpayer dollars, I don't believe residents have indicated they
want their funds to be spent this
way. Current estimates for Farmington Hills to telecast their meetings are \$90,000 plus, and I believe
this is a large expenditure to be undertaken by our city.

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I believe it has, and the rewards of I believe it has, and the rewards of this expenditure are just starting to be visualized. It has not only created a lovely downtown and focal point for our area, but also stimulated a substantial amount of private sector investment, far surpassing the au-tority's outlay, while creating a \$6 million increase in valuation down-

million increase in valuation downtown.

4. Do you support curbide recyclable solid waste? How should it be
paid for?

Curbide recycling of solid waste
will be the mode of operation for alcities across the nation. Looking at
the projected cost for disposal, i do
not believe there is any way to avoid
recycling. A comprehensive recycling program has the potential of
funding listell. Goods recycled will
create markets for these used items.

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I believe that the needs of the en-tire city, both residential and com-mercial, have been well-balanced for the benefit of the entire commu-nity. The DDA has proven an invalu-able resource, as demonstrated by our lovely downtown transformation and changing streetscape. The neigh-borhoods have experienced a num-ber of improvement programs, in-cluding street repair and replace-ment, sewer improvements, tree trimming and improvements to our park system. 6. Is the 23-officer public safety



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The city services that we, as readients, enjoy are possibly among the best in the state. We have one of the most respected and cloned public safety departments, within our carrier miliage rate, we provide warrent miliage rate, we provide warrent miliage rate, we provide warrent miliage rate, we provide wasternoval, street lighting, emergency attrect insiderate, and well as recreational and senior programs. Our park system is a jewel when you compare its size and condition to the size of population. We must continually review the residents' wants and concerns to improve the system.

8. Is the tax rate affordable to most residents?

I believe this rate is very competitive and offers residents services that are hard to match anywhere, state legislators are working on the problem of excessive tax burden, and attempts are being made to reduce the tax rate to all residents.

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ments are adequate and have proven to function well. Just as individuals

are hired for various jobs in the private and public sector, there are requirements that are to be met for employment. The intent of this condition was to allow the department, casy access to its work force in times of need.

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reages for the city and a 1500 application.

Is the city embarks on the 1990s, I believe the solid wante issue and the guidance and direction that are laid out in the next few years will have a significant impact on cost and our environmental well being. Secondly, the issue of (CSO) combined sewer overflow, which relates to federal government mandates to separate the sewer system and groundwater un off, which when reviewed could translate into an extensive outlay.

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A sincere interest in my community and home, to be able to play an active role in my future, the future of my children and fellow neighbors in guiding and developing a community that we can all be proud of. I want to make Farmington all it can be, which includes a great downtown for economic draw, fine neighbor-hoods for familles, and city services which attract and maintain resi-dences.

