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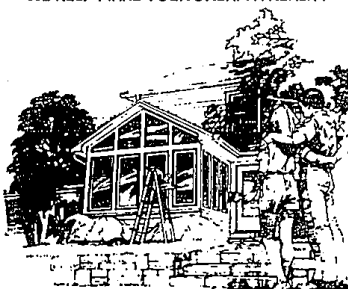
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Local commissioners seek re-election

By Casey Hane
staff writer

All three incumbents representing the Farmington area on the Oakland County Board of Commissioners have announced re-election bids. Commissioners Donn Wolf, R-Farmington Hills, Lillian Jaffe, D-Southfield, and David Moffitt, R-Farmington Hills, have announced they will run again this year.

First-term commissioner Wolf launched his bid for re-election in District 27 last week, citing economic growth, crime, traffic congestion and solid waste as key issues on his agenda.

Moffitt, a third-term commissioner from District 15, made his announcement Monday, ending speculation that he might seek a district judgeship. He cited the challenges of ongoing issues and his successful law practice as reasons for seeking re-election.

District 21 commissioner Oaks also filed for her re-election effort this month.

A FORMER Farmington Hills City Council member, Wolf first entered the county political arena in

1988, soundly beating challenger Steve Hill by a 3-to-1 ratio in the race for an open seat.

Solid waste will likely be the key issue facing the county in the next few years, he said. "Solid waste is going to be the big one," he said. "There's nothing glamorous about garbage, but something has to be done."

His pet project continues to be increased support of the county's Narcotics Enforcement Team and the sheriff's department because of the county's drug problem. "If we don't do something about it, we'll be in trouble," he added.

Wolf is a longtime Republican activist, known for his anti-tax stance — especially while a city councilman. He is also a longtime member of the Republican Party and the author of two books, "Action Politics" and "Working Politics."

Wolf currently serves on the county commission's Personnel Committee and General Government Committee, which he said allows him to watch and act in both the internal and external workings of county government.

"I enjoy the work of the commission, and consider it to be one of the most important public positions I have ever held," Wolf said in announcing his candidacy. "I look forward to another term, and along with my fellow commissioners, to continuing to resolve not only the everyday problems of county government, but also to address the long-range issues that will be facing us in the future."

OAKS HAS served on the commission since 1987 and previously served on the Southfield City Council 1975-82, including stints as president pro tem for three years and as president in 1982-83.

As commissioner, she serves on the Personnel Committee, Planning and Building Committee and the Air-

port Committee. In addition, Oaks serves on the Southfield-based Providence Hospital Advisory Board. She is active in several organizations supporting the arts, and she is a member of the National Council of Jewish Women, Hadassah, the American Jewish Committee and Brandeis University.

As a member of the Governor's Commission on the Future of Higher Education, Oaks chaired the committee on minorities, the disabled and women.

MOFFITT CITES his legal expertise and the ability to communicate as his major qualities on the job. He is vice chairman of the GOP Commissioners' Caucus and is a frequent spokesman for the Executive Committee of the Oakland County Republican Party.

Moffitt has sponsored a number of initiatives that were either adopted in whole, or with changes, by the board of commissioners. He introduced a resolution to bring information processing technology to the board's administrative operations. He also introduced the county's first resolution commemorating the Holocaust and has sought computer linkage of the county's district courts. He most recently introduced a resolution to urge state transportation officials to erect a previously promised noise barrier along the I-59 freeway in Farmington Hills.

Important issues in the future, Moffitt said, would be solid waste and strengthening law enforcement efforts countywide.

"The 90s represents the third, and most critical, decade of our efforts to develop and implement a modern, flexible solid waste strategy in Oakland County," Moffitt said. "The growth of the '70s and '80s . . . will not abate in the '90s, and demands commitment, vision and experience as never before."



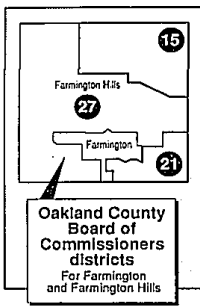
Donn Wolf
District 27



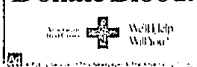
David Moffitt
District 15

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- The 27th District, which covers all of the city of Farmington plus western and central Farmington Hills. This is the largest commission district.
- The 15th District, which covers the north central and northeast part of Farmington Hills, the village of Franklin, a small portion of Southfield Township, the southwest corner of Bloomfield Township, and the southeast corner of West Bloomfield Township.
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