

## New tax refund regulations for delinquent child support

Due to a change in federal regulations, the tax refund offset program for collection of delinquent child support is being expanded. Beginning with the 1991 tax year, all Oakland County Friend of the Court child support accounts owing \$500 or more in non-ADC cases must be submitted for a federal tax refund offset. Delinquent accounts of \$300 or more are eligible for state tax refund. In prior years, a written request from the non-ADC recipient of child support was required for participation in the tax refund

offset program. If a delinquent payor's tax refund is taken through this program, it will first be applied to any state-owed delinquencies until the past due amount is paid in full. When all state-owed delinquencies have been paid, the tax refunds will be paid toward any remaining child support debts. The federal regulations require that any tax refunds intercepted from a jointly filed federal return to be held by the Friend of the Court for six months before being distributed.

## More yes votes found; recount on

By Pat Murphy  
staff writer

The margin of support for Oakland County's proposed solid waste program was greater than originally reported, according to figures from the Nov. 5 ballot proposal certified Tuesday.

Instead of being approved by 223 votes, as initially reported by election officials, the waste program — with the controversial incinerator in Auburn Hills — was OK'd by 257 votes, according to the Election Division of the Oakland County Clerk's Office.

That discrepancy isn't unusual,

said Janet F. Suckley, director of elections. "The initial figures are always 'uncertified' and we report them that way. But these results are official."

The certified results of the ballot proposal on financing the solid waste plan are 71,020 yes, compared with 70,763 no. The original tally reported was 70,908 yes and 70,665 no.

That still qualifies as one of the closest elections in county history, said Suckley.

THE NEW FIGURES are likely good news for advocates of the \$500 million solid waste program who hoped the election results would be helpful in persuading individual communities to commit to the coun-

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versity, where she is currently a sociology instructor. Her bachelor's degree in social science is from Western Michigan University and she has had a varied career as teacher and counselor as well as holding many volunteer posts. She chairs the boards of the Dispute Resolution Clearinghouse and Settlement Center and of the Friends of BASCC and serves on the directors' board of Generations United of Michigan and of the Mental Health Foundation of Oakland.

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