Farmington area support propels Bullard to victory

Barbara Dobb knows what the people want, she and her supporters said, but Bill Bullard apparently knew a few

Bill Bullard apparently knew a few more people.

"We are totally different candidates," Dobb said. "I'm out here in the district running a grass roots campaign. I've went door-to-door every single day before the election. He ran (his campaign) out of Lansing."

But that wasn't enough. Bullard won re-election to the 15th District Senate to the total turned out to be a relatively close race, the final tally cane to 13,613 votes for Bullard and 11,074 for Dobb.

Dobb said a combination of low voter turnout and incumbent-centered help from state Senate majority leader Dick

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Posthumus led to her defeat. She said Posthumus ensured incumbent senators received all of the endorsements coming out of Lansing and directed Lansing staffers to help with their campaigns.

"I think the public has the right to know the absolutely appalling length that the senate majority leader went to make sure his boys got re-elected." Dobb said Wednesday. They made the whole lendorsement process a sham. The public has been manipulated. In 25 state employees donated to work on his campaign. And, she said, the low voter turnout gave Right to Life supporters more of an edge at the polls. Dobb is pro-choice.

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when you work with people, people tend to volunteer to help you." He denied endorsements were organized by Posthumus.

"It had nothing to do with Dick Posthumus," Bullard said. 'It's a norainer. They supported the incumbents because they knew they were going to win."

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They said she is just a phone call away when they need her help as 39th District House representative and she often spends time at community meetings and functions.

"She's not the typical politician in Lansing having cocktails and running around with corporate sponsors, Ambrose said. "I could make a phone call and I would get an answer. I called Bullard's office once and I never get as labeke."

call back."
"She's always been available, approachable," said Trott, a Commerce

PTSA president, were looking forward to continuing their one-to-one relationship will Dobb until she is forced out of office at the end of the year because of term limits.

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"The new area that I represented for the past two years is Farmington and Farmington Hills." Bullard said Tueseving high right with the race."

Bullard took 60 percent of the votes in Farmington and Farmington Hills.

"We gave it an all out effort because she's a serious candidate," Bullard said.

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Soveral library officials, including Papai, credited the win to hard work from staffers and volunteers and the realization from residents that the two libraries built in the 1970s could not adequately serve the needs of an ever-growing customer than

of an ever-growing customer base.
Considered a key to the win was the library's strong support from Farmington and Farmington Hills city councils and the Farmington Board of Education. Library officials alse took into account why the 1989 and 1993 bids failed, listened to the two cities and residents, and incorporated feedback into the latest proposal.

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Right at the top of the list was keeping the Hills branch where the second would have built a new facility. "Keeping the library on 12 Mile Road made a whole lot of sense," said Carl People are low to the sense, and carl to the sense, and carl to the sense, and carl to the sense of the sense

community reads and how much they use both of our branches." I'm very pleased the citizenty recognized the needs and the value of the library as a community resource," added Jim McLaughlin, a library board trustee.

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The grassroots effort, involving more than 165 people, succeeded in conveying the message "that the library is valued and

"that the library is valued and important and needs improvements and new is the time," Papai said.

Library board President Bob." Plummer said the proposal won because of the hard work and organization from volunteers, library staffers, library board members ... We had the support of both city councils. We kept saying the need was identified in the mid-80s and it never went ways."

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Christoph and his wife, Rose, were among many who helped promote the proposal, which will annually increase property taxes by 0.6 mills for 15 years.
"I never thought this issue was in doubt," Christoph sald, during the victory celebration. "It just; made so much sense."
Farmington Hills council woman Nancy Bates called the result "wonderful. The people, have spoken. We really do have a premier library. This is a good, buy for the tax money."

Woffitt from page A1

125 votes.

"Had she not been in the race we would'vo won. It was just enough to confuse people."

Votors responded to the negative tone of the campaign, Moffitt said. During the race, John Coeur openly questioned Molitt's visibility in the district and leadership as a commissioner.

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As for the third candidate's
125 votes, Moffitt said, "It's
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other of us. It's difficult to say what part that candidacy played."

Jolicoeur said she plans to stay involved, especially at the county level. She has been an advocate on mental health issues, having a son who is developmentally disabled.

"I think this one was close to my heart," said Jolicoeur, who ran unsuccessfully in the GOP primary for the 37th District state representative two years, ango. These are issues that are close to me and these won't go away."

Moffitt admitted Jolicoeur gave him hir toughest battle as a 14-year county commissioner. His mother Lillian preceded him

His mother Lilian precedes him as a county trustee.

"I think what is important now is for all Republicans in this city and in this district to come together and help elect Republican candidates in November,"

Moffitt said.





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