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Candidates debate congenially

All five Farmington Hills City Council candidates vowed they would work to maintain the city's high standard of living if

clected.
They differed somewhat on how best to go about it during a Farmington Acad Democratic Club-sponsored candidate forum Menday in the Hills City Council

chambers. The debate was congenial, if

not frank. "Some of you might be sur-prised to hear me say once or twice here tonight that, 'I don't know," said Paul Molin, an Oak-land County Sheriff deputy. "Molin's wasn't falso modesty. On a couple questions dealing.

On a couple questions dealing with specific issues, he admitted

with specific issues, he admitted as much.

Vicki Barnett had a step up on most hopefuls as the lone incum-bent, especially when asked along with the other candidates how many council meetings she's



three open seats on the city council in the election Nov. 2. In addition to Molin and Chris McRae are candidates. All five agreed Farmington Hills is a good place to live and city government is running efficiently.

city government is running efficiently.
Oliverio stopped away from the pack on the payment of prevailing wage for city projects. He didn't support the concept.
'I think the market is the best arbiter of wages," Oliverio said. Barnett, Brickner and McMae backed prevailing wages. Such measures ensure quality work and keep jobs in the community Brickner said.

"This is one of those things I don't know anything about," Molin said.
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When asked what projects they would push if elected, several mentioned managing redevelopment, drainage and traffic.

Those issues are important, with at least 96 percent of the city built up and a 35/65 percent commercial-residential ratio, which is what the master plan calls for, candidates said. Redavelopment of 14 Mile/Northwestern Highway and Orchard Lake is particularly key, Barnott said. A proposed commercial-residential development is tentatively planned. This property needs to be rebuilt to take into account the value of that area, Barnett said. Oliverio suggested a Y2K preparedness study should be done. Barnett said the Central Services has done an in-depth assessment of city equipment for the millennium.

"This is a matter of great grav-ity." Oliverio said. "If the lights o out for a week in January, e're going to wish someone ried wolf."

cried wolf."
McRae said the city is at a

major crossroads.

"These are years when those roads are going to take hold," McRae said. "This is the time when we're going to be looking at



Debate: Candidates for the Farmington Hills City Council offered their opinions at a forum hosted by the Farmington Democratic Club.

projects in the big-picture sense."
Brickner listed his involvement on the planning commission and ability to work well
with city staff and current council members as qualifications.
Oliverio pledged his first duty
would be to residents. They're
not always best served "when
councils become mutual admira-

tion societies," Oliverio added.
What he lacks in knowledge of specific issues, Molin said he makes up for with a willing ear.
"What I do is listen very well," Molin anid, "What I do is listen to our citizens and I believe there are answers to their problems." lems."
McRae said he wants to make

sure his children can grow up in the same environment he did.

"It's easy to say we're deing really great right now, but you look at other cities that have had a peak and have fallon back ... I want to be able to say 20 years from now we took the right steps."

the Farmington Area Republican

Club and state Rep. Andrew

Raczkowski. The fact he's not

endorsed by any current council

"I didn't ask for them," he said

"People are going to vote for

you based on what they think,

not because of what other people think. There are a lot of indepen-

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before questioning the weight of

such endorsements.

members doesn't surprise him.

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nance, Oliverio said he was not warnings and offer children bike

opposed to the measure in principle.

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to offenders. Hills police give against such a measure. For the **Arthritis Today**

most part, there has been com-"I thought the ticket issue was

draconian."

In terms of development, he gives the city credit for planning carefully. He'd like to see the zoning board of appeals be a little more cautious in granting variances.

With at least 95 percent of the city built, the focus will likely be ent issues.

"Id like to keep this a bedroom community and maintain the quality of life," Oliveric said. "People have told me they're con-cerned about traffic and populaon density. "Because this is such a desir-

"Because this is such a desir-able place to live, it's a catch-22 - people want to live here." Though repairs move "glacial-ly," he believes the city is on top of flooding problems, too. He doesn't support the charter

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amendment that would increase cauncil member and mayor salaries to \$5,000 and \$7,500, respectively. Council members currefully receive \$1,800 and the mayor \$2,700.

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"I'd prefer to see it with a \$1 stipend or something," he said.
"It's not a position you go into to make money. If you didn't pay anything, there would be no question of attracting people for the (right) reason."
Unlike his two previous unsuccessful council bids, Oliverio plans to mount a vigency door.

plans to mount a vigorous door-to-door campaign. He expects to spend \$10,000, he said. So far, he's been endorsed by







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