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## Change

The current mayoral race has caused me to reflect on the subject of change and what it means to the people of our community. Change is one of the cornerstones of our government; it is this factor that has built the American Spirit and allowed men and women to forge the most powerful nation in the world. Our Constitution gives us the golden opportunity to elect a new president every four years in order to impose change. It is through this form of government that we can have a nation which is capable of feeding the entire world and is able to ensure freedom for its citizens.

This mayoral race isn't about picking apart each of the candidates and exposing each of their faults to the community, rather, it's about the positive changes that can be made. That's the number one issue. Change needs to be considered when an incumbent has been in office eight or more years — which gives them plenty of time to follow through on their ideas.

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Our current council is composed of two incumbents that have served over 12 years each. To put this amount of time in perspective, think back 12 years and go through the decade of the nincties and back into the eighties. It's time for change in city

council; it's time to pass on the torch and allow others an opportunity to serve. Our society suffers when a select few monopolize government positions. When the sun begins to riso over our land on Nov. 6, you will be given an opportunity to exercise your right to vote. A system that was put in place for one purpose and one purpose only, and that is to give us, the people, the power to change.

Michael Leads

Michael Leads Farmington Hills

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I'm all for the re-election of Nancy Bates for Mayor of Farmington Hills. Her job has only just begun with the state's first mandated youth council.

Today's youth involvement in our hope for tomorrow. Where many schools and cities are holding mock elections and stopping thero, Mrs. Bates has taken it one step further. High school age youth have gone from participating in mock government programs to actually sitting on city boards and commissions as official board members, passing resolutions. olutions.

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Citing the troubles facing youth and families, Mayor Bates led a community wide coalition to help strengthen the lives of families and their children by

creating the Commission for Children, Youth and Families. This group represents the interest of Farmington Hills youth, parents, businesses and city leaders, and members of the faith community as well. The commission collectively advises the Mayor and city council on the best methods to handle local children, youth and family related issues.

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Under the leadership of Mayor Bates, as well as the City Council and Youth Director Todd Lipa, the City of Farmington Hills is a national model of youth involvement in local government giving our youth a part of the community they can shape for their generation.

Mayor Bates' service to the residents of this community has been gracious, selfless and genuine.

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I beliave all people want to live in a safe community, where their local government listens and responds to their concerns with the utmost sincerity and fair-ness, again Nancy Bates has done nothing less as mayor.

On Tuesday, Nov. 6, the choice for Mayor speaks for itself. I'm all for keeping Farmington Hills the type of community we all enjoy—one of compassion, col-laboration, and good neighbor characteristics.

Veda Kinchen Farmington Hills

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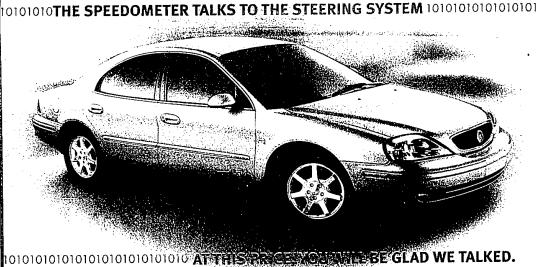




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