

#### Candidates ask the questions

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Mnyor Nancy Bates and challenger Ron Oliverio got to question each other at the last public
endidate forum Wednesday at
Farmington Hills City Hall.
Bates again responded to
charges from Oliverio that city
council is unresponsive to citizens.

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"We have strong community involvement. There are over 200 citizens sitting on boards and commissions and special committees," Bates said, "I believe a majority of the citizens enjoy our openness and availability."

Oliverio ansked Bates why she said \$19,000 in public money is spent on the Farmington Hills Area Youth & Family Services program, when "in reality it's over \$200,000."

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sover \$200,000.\*
Bates, a strong backer of the after-school program, countered that an average of \$19,000 has been contributed annually from the Hills general fund budget. Other funding sources include the parks and recreation milage, which provides \$100,000, and the City of Farmington.

Oliverio said he supports the program, but called for an audit to show actual participation,

then fund it appropriately.

Bates naked Oliverie how
many times he's volunteered for
the Boys and Girls Republic, an
activity listed on his campaign
literature. Oliverie responded
that he was available as an oncall tuter, but was not called.

While Bates said council has
not raised taxes for six years,
Oliverio countered that increases in home value assessments,
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Saying "The first job of government is security and safety of residents," Oliverlo said he would work with federal officials to get "stores of antibiotics against anthrax if our city becomes infected."

While the mayor presented a list of endorsements that includes Oakland County politicians and the Hills city council, Oliverio described many as "political big shots who don't live in this community." He called for creating an office of ombudeman for residents, and for more quickly meeting residents' requests for information, rather than forcing them to file a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

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### Vote from A1

Guaranteed seats

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Incumbent Council members
Mary Bush, 48, a Realtor,
Arnold Campbell, 51, a managr, technical support operations
for Ford Motor Company, and
Jim Mitchell, 60, vice president
legal counsel for Lifetime Dora
line, are running for re-election
in an uncontested race. The toptwo vote-getiers will get four
year terms, the third candidate
will get a two-year term.
Bush is finishing eight years
on council. Campbell has served
since 1986 with two years off
Mitchell has been a councilman
since 1995.

#### Poll relocation

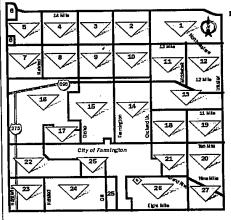
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"Farmington Public Schools the last two elections because of construction at 10 Mile School.

"Farmington Public Schools has advised the city that current use of the 10 Mile School building no longer permits using the building as a polling place but that the Farmington Training Center would be available for this use for both Precincta 2 and 6," said Farmington Training Center would be available for this use for both Precincta 2 and 6, was a polling location for both Precincta 2 and 6, was a polling location for both Precincta 2 and 6 worked well during prior elections and, in my opinion, is actually a better location for Tame to 8 p.m.



#### City of Farmington Hills PRECINCT VOTING MAP

## Hills incumbents, challengers debate

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Kormington Hills city council
candidates touted progress
under their watch, while challengers made a case for injecting
new blood into the body politic
Wednesday at city hall, in their
third and final forum.
Challenger Dr. Ken Massey
criticized the current council for
saving all debate for study sessions. While open to the public,
study sessions are not televised
or as widely publicized as regular council meetings.
"There is a perceived lack of
fighting with developers,"
Massey added. "City council has
said, "We'll get sued." The city
council needs to be the residents'
advecate."
The forum, to be aired on local
cable TV, was seponsored by the
Farmington Hills Council of
Homeowner's Associations.

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what they found most frustrating, incumbent Councilman Jon Grant said it was the perception that council isn't responsive to citizens.
"Wo're very, very tough on developers in this community," Grant said. But he warned that if the 65-to-35 percent residential versus business/commercial ratio were changed to 76-25, the residential taxes would rise to maintain services.

rauto were changed to 76-20, the residential taxes would rise to maintain services. "We continue to fight with developers to reduce density in land use projecta, "said incumbent Jerry Ellis. He cited council's record of not raising taxes, and said council kept a promise when it bought land for a golf course expansion.

Ellis said a consulting firm that reviewed city services "said Farmington Hills is a model city government to be emulated by others."

Ellis, Grant and Councilwoman Cheryl Oliverio are running

as a slate for the three available seats on council Nov. 6.

"I do think development has to be more consistent with surrounding residents," said challenger Dr. Randy Bruce, chairman of the zoning board of appeals. Bruce said his background on the board taught him how city government worth the common of city government, including area council meetings around the city and monthly televised interviews with the press.

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Challenger Jess Elson talked about his experience as a business owner, as president of the Michigan Promotional Products Association, and as vice president of the Onkland Executives Association: 'It gives me confidence to handle a seat on city council.'
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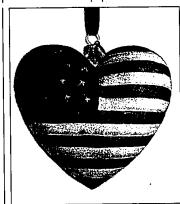
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