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Guaranteed seats

Incumbent Council members Mary Bush, 48, a Realtor, Arnold Campbell, 51, a manager, technical support operations for Ford Motor Company, and Jim Mitchell, 60, vice president legal counsel for Lifetime Doors Inc., are running for re-election in an uncontested race. The top two vote-getters 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

Voters in both Precincts 2 and 6 now cast their ballots at the Farmington Training Center, 33000 Thomas Street, just north of Grand River.

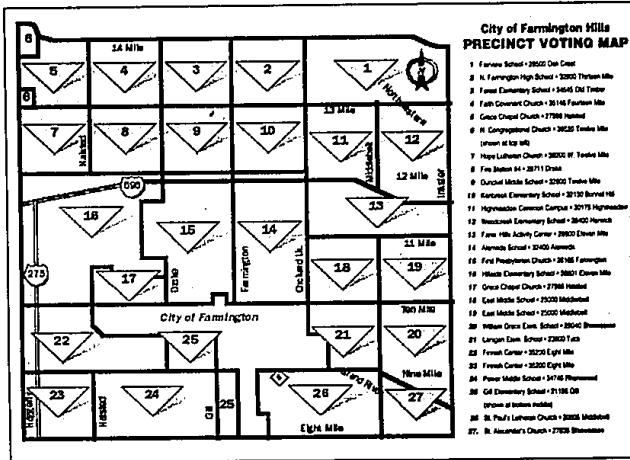
The polling location for Precinct 2 was temporarily moved from the 10 Mile Community School building to the Farmington Training Center for the last two elections because of construction at 10 Mile School.

"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 Precincts 2 and 6," said Farmington City Clerk Patsy Cantrell. "Using the Farmington Training Center as a polling location for both Precincts 2 and 6 worked well during prior elections and, in my opinion, is actually a better location for Precinct 2."

The polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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Patsy Cantrell
—City Clerk



Hills incumbents, challengers debate

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Farmington 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' advocate."

The forum, to be aired on local cable TV, was sponsored by the Farmington Hills Council of Homeowners Associations.

When candidates were asked

what they found most frustrating, incumbent Councilman Jon Grant said it was the perception that council isn't responsive to citizens.

"We'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 75-25, the residential taxes would rise to maintain services.

"We continue to fight with developers to reduce density in land use projects," 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 works.

Bruce called for greater public exposure of city government, including area council meetings around the city and monthly televised interviews with the press.

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 Oakland Executives Association: "It gives me confidence to handle a seat on city council."

Elson also fosters puppies for Paws With a Cause and is a dog

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Christopher Radko personal appearance

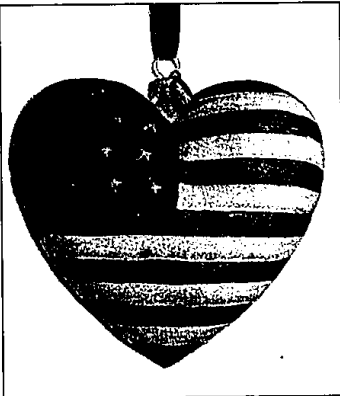
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Livonia



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