Area Republican club to host debate

The Farmington Area Republican Club will host a candidate forum at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 26, at Farmington Hills City Hall.

Participants will include James Brady and Annette Raczkowski, sying for the 47th District Court judge-ship; Republican David Moffitt and Democrat Jim

Nash, Oakland County Commission District 15; and Commission District 15; and Democrat Ryan Gesund and Republican Mike Rogers, Oakland County Commission District 14.





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Knol kicks off campaign

BY PAUL R. PACE STAFF WRITER

Saying she wants to focus the campaign on Issues and not personal matters, Valeric Knol, Republican State House candidate for Farmington; Parmington Hills, launched the first of several public meetings where she will announce her plans to make the community and state a better place to live and work. Wednesday's first Valeric's Visions' session was held outside the Farmington Hills Folice Department. Focusing on police and publics afferty issues, Knol was joined by Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard, Oakland County Prosecutor David Goreyea and Farmington Hills Folice Officer Wayne Beerbower, who is president of the Farmington Hills Folice Officer Officers Association of Michigan. All three said they endorse Knol for the job in Lansing where term limits are forcing the seat to be vacated by Andrew Raczkowski.

This race isn't about the past—it's about the future, Knol said.

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Drug forfeiture money:
Knol said she would propose a bill that would place setzed money in an interest-bearing bank account. "That money would then earn interest during the trial and sentencing," she said. If the accused is acquitted, that person would get the principal and interest, she suggest-ed. Having the money in a bank would also be safer, she said.

CCW: Since the passage of the latest concealed weapons permit law, retired and reserve officers are subject to the same restrictions as citizens allowed to carry a concealed frearm. Since CCW carriers cannot carry weapons to places of large while ambrings: in preprist

Since CCW carriers cannot carry weapons to places of large public gatherings, it prevents the effectiveness of police agencies using reserve or retired officers, Knol said. She supports giving retired and onduty reserve officers the ability



Candidate Valerie Kool is pictured with Sheriff Michael Bouchard, Dakland

to obtain CCW permits without having to undergo the same training process and restric-tions as the public.

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Law emforcement communication: Knol said she supports legislation to require Michigan State Folice to share communication towers with local police agencies rather than requiring local agencies to spend millions of dollar on new towers for better public safety communications.

White collar crime: Knol said she supports Michigan joining a capition of states, including California, New York, and North Carolina demanding the nation's largest investment banking firms adopt conflict of interest policies designed to climinate abuses within the nation's investment system.

Drug use: Because of recent reports concerning the increase in use in the street drug Eestasy among youth, Knol supports designating the drug as schedule 1 controlled substance, which would increase penalties for the manufacture, sale or possession of the drug.

Local correction officers training: Knol advocates giving the Oakland County Sheriff's Department the option of charging inmates a \$5 booking fee to be used for a training fund. That money would pay to have corrections officers undergo professional training in conflict resolution, negotiating go professional training in con-flict resolution, negotiating skills and self-defense tactics.

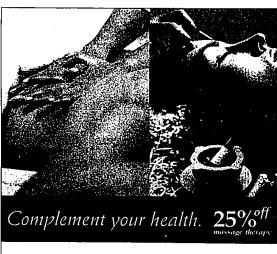
■ Child support: Knol supports a plan to recover unpaid child support in Michigan that would create a Child Support Division of the Attorney General's Office. Such a division would use state and national databases to track down deadbeat parents, she said.

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Knol said she plans to conduct at least five more sessions before the November general election. Upcoming topics include economic development, health care, education and the environment, site said.
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environment, site said,
The candidate is being challenged for the seat by Democrat
and former Farmington Hills
Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi.
Contacted after the meeting,
Vagnozzi said he has a proven
record of helping police and
firefighters.
'I lead a campaign for a millage increase in Farmington
Hills that added 16 police officers and 15 firefighters,' he
said. 'And I worked on the
renewals of those millages.
Vagnozzi also said he helped
lead the fight to have the Hills
runs its own emergency medical response program that has
cut average response time by
two minutes.
The candidate said he has

two minutes.

The candidate said he has also been staunch supporter of both emergency departments and has fought any cutbacks in state-shared revenues or pro-posed control of city operations by the state, ppace@oehomecommnet (248) 477-5450





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