

# Jaycees Start Non-Partisan Vote Drive

On the eve of Westland's first general election, the local Jaycees have started a drive to eliminate partisan elections and instead, hold non-partisan elections in the city.

Donald J. Thompson, of 6862 Moccasin Drive, and chairman of the special Jaycees project, said that plans are being made to have a City Charter amendment placed on the November, 1968, ballot, so that voters would have a chance to decide the issue.

THOMPSON SAID that yesterday's (Tuesday) election points out one of the problems that can be encountered with partisan votes.

There was no competition for mayor nor for the two municipal judgeships. Of the four City Council openings, there were two Republicans campaigning against four Democrats, three of whom were incumbents.

"Although there was a lot of competition in the primary, four candidates for mayor and 12 for council, almost all were from one party," Thompson said.

"The effect is that the primary election determined some of the office holders, when in principle, the general election should have. If the primary would have been held on a non-partisan basis, the mayor and council positions would have been competed for in the general election.

"In a community such as ours, there is no justifiable reason for partisan elections," Thompson continued. "On a state or national level, persons must be given the opportunity to support concepts and ideas such as a party system gives us."

"ON A LOCAL level, however, each voter has the opportunity to meet and know each candidate and offices should be filled by the best man for the right job," Thompson said.

He also pointed out that the Jaycees held a survey three years ago and gave the results of that survey to the Westland Charter Commission.

The results of the survey, which had 2,500 homes contacted, showed that 70 per cent were in favor of non-partisan elections, Thompson said.

But the commission indicated partisan elections in the charter with most of the charter commissioners eventually running for office as Democrats in the recent primary.

"It is because of the peoples' desires as indicated in that survey and the conditions of this last election that have prompted the chapter to take action," he concluded.



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The competition is open to all single girls between the ages of 18-25 who reside in the State of Michigan.

Deadline for entries is Monday, Nov. 13. Those desiring to enter the competition should send an 8x10 photograph with their name, age, height, weight, vital statistics and address printed on the back to "Miss Detroit Auto Show," Boulevard Photographic, Inc., 151 Victor, Highland Park, Mich., 48203.

Ten finalists will be selected from among photographs submitted with the winner being announced Thursday, Nov. 16.

Miss Detroit Auto Show will preside at the official opening of the nine-day show at noon Saturday, Nov. 18, will receive a \$250 wardrobe and a \$250 cash prize.

"The auto show opens at Cobo Hall Nov. 18 and runs through Nov. 28. More than 450 domestic and import passenger cars, experimental and show cars, campers and motor homes will be on display. Included in the \$1.50 admission price is a twice-daily stage show."

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