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-From our readers-Secrecy is the key in mayoral debate

Editor:

Tim Richard's article on the mayor al selection process in the City of Farmington missed the point in two major areas—the secrecy which surrounded the decision and the complete disregard of the wishes of the voters. The voters gave Bill Hartsock a resounding vote of confidence, placing him first with a substantial lead over the then mayor. Certainly, this demonstration of public support should have entitled Hartsock to be considered for the position of mayor pro-term. Yet, when the clutby members of the Farmington City Council got together behind closed doors they determined that passing the mayor and mayor pro-term of the position of mayor pro-term. Yet, when the clutby members of the Farmington City Council got together behind closed doors they determined that passing the mayor among mayor pro-term jobs armong the elders was more important than the assessment of the voters. No wonder the voters are turned off and stayed away in droves in the recent city elections. While the City of Farmington this chose the first two felections as mayors, they passed over the third place finisher last year to give the mayor and choose the first two finishers in the first two celections are the council that the council of t

In the Hills, the mayor and mayor protein campaigned with those title. The voters weren't looked as the research of the second o

spits which affected selection of committees and other votes throughout the year.

WHAT IS the solution? I am not particularly in favor of amending the charter to take care of a problem which the council members themselves should be able to handle. I would hope that the respective city councils would implement, on a voluntary basis, a plan which would rotate the mayor and mayor protern offices every two years. The mayor's position would go to the first place finisher in the most recent election and the mayor proterm would be the second-place finisher. If the selection is made on an annual basis, as in the Hills, the mayor proterm would move up to mayor in the second year and the third-place finisher would become mayor protern.

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If the council members can't work
out such a plan or any other reasonable proposal then a charter amendment would be in order.

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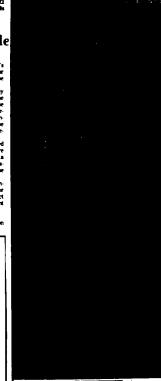
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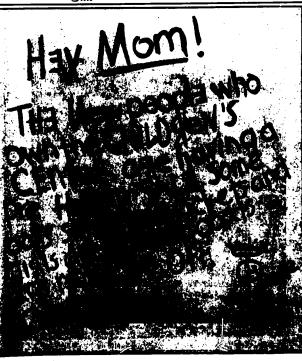
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