

Candidates seek voter identity as election nears

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the 48-year-old director of a local dental center.

"WEAK COMPETITION" prompted Corey to run. In his estimation, he can win "since Pickering has never raised a family; Anderson never worked a day in the plants; Clarkson always has been

a public servant, and Simon is an elderly gentleman."

Faxon, who arrived after his campaign manager Lynne Konstant had spoken in his behalf, explained his move into the 15th District saying, "There are many people in Southfield and Farmington Hills were formerly residents of Detroit."

"I was encouraged not only by my friends and former classmates, but also by city officials to run here. I feel there's nothing incorrect in making the transition. Eight Mile has never served as a barrier."

Konstant had urged listeners to recognize Faxon's political clout as Michigan's highest-ranking senator, as well as his record of support for the arts and consumers' rights.

WILSON SUPPORTER Larry Tokarski dismissed carpetbagging charges leveled against the senator, and pointed to the fact that as a two-term state representative (1976-82), Wilson represented 20 percent of the newly-reapportioned 15th District.

The 33-year-old Wilson, who was elected to the senate in a special election, is "committed to preserving the income of Michigan residents as well as renewing the economy," Tokarski said.

In a subsequent interview, Wilson characterized himself as "an independent — not owned or bought by anyone.

"I commute to Lansing every day and try very hard to stay close to my constituency," he said.

"The people are my bosses." Wilson sees the key to the state's recovery in the creation of jobs and the "legislature's working together, not apart for a change. We have to make some hard choices and take some harsh actions. It's going to take time to turn things around."

FORMERLY A DEMOCRAT and Southfield mayor from 1981-88, Clarkson claims "there's nothing wrong with Michigan. Michigan is one of the best states there is."

"I have the background and experience this state needs. I've had my face in the trough as a judge and state representative, and I know the problems and some of the solutions. There's nothing new, and no free lunches."

Clarkson favors the abolition of the single business tax, the revamping of property taxes, and the right of voters to pass income tax hikes.

PICKERING, 29 AND the assistant director of a Michigan Association of Recreational Vehicles and Campgrounds division, views education as the cornerstone of a healthy Michigan future.

"We have an inefficient, ineffective government that controls our lives and employs one of every six of us," said Pickering, who served former president Gerald Ford as a congressional aide.

Government should be run like a business, and some sort of shift in property tax is needed, he added.

"Property tax is the most unfair tax

there is. It's not based on the ability to pay."

WORK, AN ACCOUNTING supervisor for a local credit company, contends Michigan's criminal justice system needs to shift all the penalties away from the victims, noting criminals are often punished with little more than a slap on the wrist.

The Farmington Hills resident is a proponent of a graduated income tax and is convinced "there is money in Lansing. I am committed to see that our district gets its fair share."

Reedy was not available for comment.

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