

Sever's victory affirmed by recount



Sever campaign coordinator Karen Bingham (background) watches as county canvasser Dallas Haun checks a voter's punchcard.

knowing that Terry (Sever) was elected by the voters."

Grant paid \$10 for each precinct recounted.

The Farmington Hills City Council this week confirmed Grant's reappointment to the Farmington Community Library Board of Trustees. As required by city charter, Grant resigned his position as vice president of the Farmington Community Library Board of Trustees to run for council election.

Grant says he also intends to seek council election in the future.

SEVER AND re-elected incumbents Jan Dolan, Jody Soronen and Marks were sworn in Nov. 11. Although the recount has no impact on the three incumbents, each picked up additional votes last week. Dolan picked up five, Soronen, two, and Marks, three.

Unlike last year's recount, which took just less than a week, the recount last week took only two days, Farmington Hills City Clerk JoAnn Reynolds said.

The recount was conducted in less time this year because only approximately 6,000 ballots had to be recounted compared to the more than 30,000 in last year's presidential and special city council election, she said.

Canvassers last week hand-checked each ballot to be sure the chads — rectangular perforations on the punch card ballots — were properly detached, Altman said. At least two corners of the four-cornered chad must be detached for it to be counted as a vote.

After the ballots were checked, votes were totaled by computer.

"IT WAS a very, very minor discrepancy — adjustment," Altman said, about this year's recount. "This was a very, very clean and effective recount."

Both Sever and Grant lauded county canvassers and Reynolds and her staff for the manner in which the recount was conducted.

"I found them (canvassers) to be extremely conscientious in their responsibility to the voters," Grant said.



Council hopeful Jonathan Grant (left) and county canvasser Barbara Brinker during last week's recount proceedings.

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clear mandate of the voters" and "to get an accurate count." Grant, 33, was particularly concerned that if inaccuracies had occurred in counting votes, it would be found in absentee ballots.

IN THE total vote tally of the precincts in the Nov. 5 election, Grant slipped past Sever with 102 votes in the precincts. But Sever garnered 108 more votes in absentee ballots — accounting for his six-vote edge.

Maintaining he was not disappointed by the recount's outcome, Grant said, "I only expected to verify the vote. I really came away from the recount



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