

# County candidates 'pass or fail' evaluation by incineration foes

By Pat Murphy  
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Hoping to transform resentment over taxes and incineration into political clout, a coalition has "passed" three county commissioners and "failed" eight on the basis of a questionnaire tallied this week.

The coalition, called "Clean Slate," asked incumbent Oakland County commissioners and their challengers in Tuesday's election to answer 17 questions that would be the basis for evaluating their fitness for office, according to spokesperson Carol Izant of Southfield.

Izant said Clean Slate is made up of organizations like RAIL (Res-

idents Against Incineration), HOPE (Help Oakland Preserve the Environment), the Oakland County Environmental Protection Council and the Taxpayers Association of Oakland County.

Clean Slate distributed its questionnaire at last week's regular meeting of the county board, asking commissioners and their opponents to return them by Tuesday.

ONE WHO DID not respond is commissioner Roy Rewold, R-Oakland Township, who as chairman of the board leads the effort to prepare and implement a \$500 million solid waste program that includes recycling and incineration.

"I was out of town and didn't get

the chance to respond," Rewold said early Wednesday.

"But I don't know whether the questionnaire was fair or not," he said. "They wanted simple answers to complex questions."

Rewold said he has encountered "considerable" resentment from residents in his campaigning. But it's resentment that can be addressed with reason and facts, he said.

"Once I explain that commissioners have taken all the steps recommended by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), people seem to understand the problem."

"Our program maximizes recycling and composting, while minimizing incinerators and landfills."

Izant said while Rewold didn't respond, Clean Slate did not hesitate to "fail" Rewold. "We know where he stands and we know his record," she said.

**OTHER AREA INCUMBENTS** "failed" by the organization, according to Izant, are: Donald E. Blabop, Rochester; John G. Pappageorge, Troy; David Moffitt, Bloomfield Township; Donald W. Jensen, Birmingham; and Dennis Aaron of Oak Park.

Among the area incumbents who "passed" the coalition's evaluation are Fred McPherson, Hazel Park, and Mark Chester, Troy.

Those who did not respond, according to Izant, include: G. William Cuddell, Walled Lake; Marilyn E. Gosling, Bloomfield Hills; Thomas Law, West Bloomfield; Nancy McConnell, Bloomfield Hills; Lillian Jaffe Oaks, Southfield; John E. Olson, Huntington Woods; Lawrence R. Pernick, Southfield; and Donn L. Wolf, Farmington Hills.

## OCC trustees wanted Thompson permanent

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At least two members of the Oakland Community College Board of Trustees are having second thoughts about the decision to rule out interim Chancellor Richard Thompson as a candidate for the job permanently.

Other board members, however, say they will not consider Thompson even though he has done a good job on a temporary basis and would otherwise be a good candidate.

"As far as I'm concerned, the board will go ahead with its on-campus visits and select the new chancellor from the remaining two candidates," said Trustee Margaret A. MacTavish, secretary of the board.

Thompson was named interim chancellor in June — replacing R. Stephen Nicholson resigned his \$114,327-a-year post to become vice chancellor of Higher Colleges of Technology in the United Arab Emirates in the Persian Gulf.

As a precondition, the board stipulated that Thompson, or anybody else named interim chancellor, could not apply for the full time job.

After receiving applications from about 50 candidates and sifting through the field of candidates, trustees David Hackett and Judith Wisner suggested the board reconsider its stipulation and include Thompson as a chancellor candidate.

The proposal died in September when brought up by Hackett and supported by Wisner.

"I just think Mr. Thompson has done a great job," Wisner said Wednesday. "I don't intend to reintroduce the idea, but perhaps we should consider someone (like Thompson) who knows the job and wouldn't need to learn the job."

In the meantime, Wisner, Hackett, MacTavish and board chairman Sandra L. Rittler are preparing to visit the Chicago area this weekend and the Dallas area Nov. 15 and 16 to complete evaluations on the two remaining finalists.

They are Thomas Ten Hoeve, president of Oakland Community College in Des Plaines and Patsy J. Fallon, president of Brookhaven College in the Dallas County Community College District.

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