

ELECTION LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Free billboard space'

Though I have not made up my mind about just who I will vote for in the Republican primary, I am disturbed.

By what? Well, it seems to me that there is an organized effort by supporters of Cathy Webb to get praising letters about her published weekly in the letters column of the Observer, thus turning the column into free billboard space.

Might I suggest that in a spirit of fairness to all candidates, that the Observer should accumulate these letters, along with letters about other candidates, and publish them all together?

That would give those of us who have not yet made up our minds about a candidate a better look at divergent opinions all on one page.

**Tom Murphy
Farmington Hills**

There is a difference

At the first Republican candidates debate one issue clearly separated the four candidates running for State Representative of the 37th District.

Linda Jolicoeur, Andrew Raczkowski and Terry Sever all declared that they are taking a "pro-life" position. Cathy Webb declared that she is "pro-choice."

While I believe that everyone must be respected for his position on this issue, I believe the voters of this district should be aware of this difference of opinion concerning government policy among the Republican candidates.

**Annilee Foster,
Farmington Hills**

Terry's his choice

I am writing to express my support for Terry Sever, a candidate in the upcoming Republican primary election for the State House of Representatives.

Terry has served our community in a variety of ways, most notably as member of Farmington Hills City Council for these past 11 years. His

years on city council have been characterized by a willingness to listen to the concerns of citizens, to accommodate divergent interests, and to act for the good of our community.

For example, several years ago a controversy arose over a developer's request to rezone property into an Industrial Research Office zone.

Many residents of the nearby subdivisions opposed this request. Terry repeatedly met with the residents to better understand their concerns. Through his efforts (as well as others) the developer agreed to drop his IRO rezoning request and instead, ultimately constructed an attractive condo complex.

My feeling is that due to Terry's efforts, what began as an adversarial contest was ultimately turned into a "win-win" situation for all concerned. Throughout his tenure on city council, he has continued this tradition of listening to the needs of residents and acting for the good of our city. Our community is clearly a better place as a result of his long years of service on the City Council.

I know, if elected, Terry will continue to listen to and represent our needs. Based on his years of community involvement, his constant concern for the public welfare, and his long hard work, Terry will make an excellent Representative for our community.

**Greg Kocob,
Farmington Hills**

He's for Terry

After having studied the profiles of the four candidates for state representative in District 37 in the Farmington Observer, I have reached the conclusion that Terry Sever is the best qualified person to serve our community in Lansing.

On a personal note, I have admired Terry Sever during the years that he has served Farmington Hills, both as a council member and as mayor. He is articulate and thoughtful, having the welfare of the community as his highest priority.

**Torkild Nielsen,
Farmington Hills**

Votes for Cathy

We would like to add our support to the growing number of voters who are enthusiastically supporting Cathy Webb for our new state representative in the Aug. 6 primary.

Cathy brings to the job a successful track record of leadership and service to our community, a personal integrity that has applied itself to every task placed before her and a personal value system that assures us of a representative with unimpeachable honesty, integrity and consistency of effort.

We could do no better than elect Cathy Webb as our representative on Aug. 6.

**Dennis and Susie Fitzgerald,
Farmington Hills**

An Andrew voter

With times as they are, we need a representative in Lansing who is going to be forceful, competent and knowledgeable about our needs as a community. He will represent all people of our area — children, adults, seniors and business people.

This is a big job and we must support the best we can get to do this task.

We must do all that we can to help him get elected.

The person I am asking you to vote for is our next representative for Farmington and Farmington Hills is Andrew Raczkowski.

His support by the different police organizations also prove they have confidence in him.

His education is graded high with the experience of owning a business, he knows what is needed to help bring down our taxes and is a conservative.

Andrew will do a fine job of representing all in our community.

**George Strelczuk,
Farmington**

Another vote for AR

I have been watching the election for state representative get rather heated through debates and press.

The whole thing seems pretty simple to me.

If you prefer teachers, the school board, and the government to have control over your children, your family, and your life, vote for Cathleen Webb.

If you prefer more freedom, more parental controls in the schools, and lower taxes, vote for Andrew Raczkowski. It is as simple as that.

I would think that any candidate who has been endorsed and bankrolled by the MEA (state teacher's union) would have enough sense to run as a Democrat in this conservative district.

As I drive through our neighborhoods, and notice that the only houses with Webb yard signs are teachers, I have confidence that the voters won't be fooled.

I sincerely hope that the other conservatives in this town will join me in voting for Andrew Raczkowski.

**Melinda Clark-Falcon,
Farmington**

Supports Linda

I take offense to Mr. Sever's statement in the July 29 Observer in which he calls candidate Linda Jolicoeur "extreme" for her pro-life stance.

Too many people try to label others which define them in very general terms.

I would assert that it is Linda Jolicoeur's individual accomplishments and her dedication to serve the public which define her.

Linda has had numerous governmental appointments for which she has served conscientiously and effectively.

As a business owner she has shown honesty in dealings with colleagues and competitors.

Because of her drive and love of

challenge, she has grown her business from a \$20,000 investment in 1985 to what will be between \$4-5 million in 1996.

Linda has been appointed to the Family Coordinating Council for Strong Families/Safe Children.

She is a member of the Small Business Advisory Council of the Federal Reserve for this district, and she serves on the board of the Small Business Association.

These are just a few of her qualifications; none of which I believe characterize her as "extreme."

Because of her experience at all levels (family, church, local community, business and state), I believe Linda Jolicoeur is the best candidate for the state representative position for our district.

**Susan C. Setzode,
Farmington Hills**

Cathy's her choice

Cathleen Webb brings business experience, as well as community involvement, to her qualifications to serve in the state legislature.

Artistically talented and business oriented, Cathy has produced art work for major corporations in addition to caring for a home and family.

Cathy and her husband, Jim, are the proud parents of two teenage sons, who are also active in school and community activities.

Cathy's record of public service includes two terms as president of the Farmington Board of Education, and participating in the selection of Bob Maxfield as superintendent.

In 1995, Cathleen Webb was named Citizen of the Year by the Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce.

As voters, we are indeed fortunate to have a candidate such as Cathleen Webb for state representative.

**Margaret G. Schaeffer,
Farmington Hills**

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