LETTERS

Wisdom of age

erry Sever, currently a councilman for the City of Farmington Hills, is in the race to sit on the board of commissioners for Oakland

County.

Mr. Sever recently knocked on my door to introduce himself in the hopes of winning my tote. What he accomplished, however, was quite the opposite. Mr. Sever briefly stated he was running for office and that his opponent, Ben Marks, who was also once a Farmington Hills City councilman, was "voted out of office." He implied that Mr. Marks was recalled or impeached, so to speak, when, in truth, he simply lost an election. Mr. Sever then put his other foot in it by stating that Mr. Marks is "also 74 years old," inferring that, as a senior citizen, Mr. Marks is too old to handle the job.

I find Mr. Sever's statements offensive. He obviously did not know that also residing behind our door is a man who was recently reappointed

obviously did not know that also residing behind our door is a man who was recently reappointed to the Farmington Planning Commission, his 38th year in that position. Dad was also this year's recipient of the Diamond Award, given to a senior citizen over 75 years of ago who is recognized for continued service to the community. He golfs at least twice each week and works part time. Other than the addition of a couple of hearing aids and a golf stroke or two from his son-in-law, Dad handles things quite well, thank you.

thank you. : Mr. Sever, I'm sure your senior voters will Art. Sever, I'm sure your senior voters will find your statements surprising, as I am sure you painted their porches with a different brush. You showed your true political colors, however, to the wrong voter. This one thinks very highly of our senior citizens and is grateful their continued contributions to the commu-

hity. By the way, Mr. Sever, Ben Marks is not 74 By the way, Mr. Sever, Ben Marks is not 74 years old. He just turned 75. And as the person who helped turn Farmington Hills' in-the-red Community Center into the lovely and fiscally lealthy Longaere House, I am sure he can handle a county commissioner's job, too. Watch and jearn, Mr. Sever. Watch and learn, Better yet, sak your 72-year-old mayor, Aldo Vagnozzi, how it's done.

Patricia Devine

Moffitt is his choice

A lthough I won't be running for the Oakland County Board of Commissioners this year, I am pleased that Commissioner David Mollitt,

am pleased that Commissioner David Moffitt, from District 18, will remain on the board. He represents the northern half of Farmington Hills and represents it well.

For years, Commissioner Moffitt has listened to Oakland County residents and, in a very effective way, taken up their cause at commission meetings. Our voice is being heard and positive action is being taken, thanks to the efforts of Commissioner Moffitt.

FARMINGTON OBSERVER'S ENDORSEMENTS

TUESDAY, AUG. 4, PRIMARY ELECTION

OAKLAND COUNTY COMMISSION

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- OAKLAND COUNTY COMMISSION
 - Ben Marks 🗸
 - STATE SENATE

 - Wills "Bill" Bullard ✓

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Election

Most importantly, David Moffitt votes right He and I have agreed on almost every voting issue at board meetings; and those are issues that impact every one of us. For example, Commissioner Moffitt has supported and voted for

missioner Moffitt has supported and voted for four tax deductions in the last five years. This year he co-sponsored with me another tax decrease resolution.

Over the years, Commissioner Moffitt has taken a leadership role on the board. He has been chair of the Zoning Coordinating Committee, Court Reform Committee, Rules Revision Committee and is current chair of the Public Service Committee. Has served as vice chair of Public Services, Planning and Building Committee and the Republican Caucus, And, for many years he has served as the board's representative on the SEMCOG Executive Committee.

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Looking at Commissioner Moffitt's record, all of the things he has done for Oakland County, it just makes sense to return him to office. As the board's Republican Caucus chair, I know how important his input and guidance is to the Republican members and to the entire board of commissioners. I urge the residents of the 18th District to vote for Commissioner David Moffitt on Aug. 4.

Donn L. Wolf Oakland County Commissioner District 19

Commissioner backs Marks

am very pleased that there is one person in the Aug. 4 election for the 19th District Coun-ty Commission seat that will carry on the same conservative values that I, as your county com-missioner, have always tried to follow. That per-son is Ben Marks. He is the candidate who believes in less taxes and less government con-trol of our lives and who has a vision for our

I asked Ben to run for the commission seat

and was delighted when he said yes. I was just as delighted when County Executive Brooks Patterson concurred. Ben has our personal endorsement and support. I hope he will have your support and vote in the Aug. 4 primary cleation.

During the last five years, I asked Ben to sorve the county by accepting appointments to some important county committees. He did and, day in and day out, he has been working with county government as it gets ready to move into the new century. He is currently serving Oak-

land County government and us well.

Ben knows Oakland County and is prepared for the commission seat. I know he will car our conservative Republican principles in a our conservative Republican principles in a sound, reasoned way. Because he is there to take over, it makes it much easier for me to step down from the commission. The county and the 19th District will be in good hands with Ben Marks representing us. I urge you to vote for

Donn L. Wolf Oakland County commissioner District 19

Vote for library

O n Aug. 4, voters in Farmington and Farmington Hills will have an opportunity to approve .6 mills for our public library, thereby resolving critical space problems that have existed since the mid-1980s. As co-chair of the Library 2000 Committee, I urge our residents to vote the library to the library.

Library 2000 Committee, I urge our residents to vote "yes" for the library.

The Library 2000 Committee began as a small group of interested library supporters. Within a few weeks, our small group had grown to a volunteer corps of 165-plus people who agreed to help with mailtings, talk to people in their neighborhoods, call voters, distribute yard signs or meet with groups. We believe in the need for improved library services enough to vite of our time provery and money. We believe give of our time, energy and money. We believe that our efforts will improve the quality of life in

our community.
The library enriches our lives. Our residents our community.

The library enriches our lives. Our residents, young and old, deserve access to the best public library services that can be provided. Our existing buildings cannot keep pace with the dramatic rise in usage, collection demands, services and ternse in usage, concern deharm will enhance our tax base, increase our property values, and be an investment in our children's future as literate adults.

An improved public library is a necessity— not a luxury. The time for action is now. Vote "yes" for the library on Aug. 4.

Jonathan Grant Library 2000 Committee

Library support needed

he Farmington Friends of the Library, which now numbers more than 1,200 families, takes great pride in a long history of working with the library staff and board of trustees to ensure the high quality of library services

we ensure the sign quanty of norary services available in Farmington and Farmington Hills. Our Friends successfully worked with the Michigan State Legislature in 1956 to develop the first district library law that enables one library than the communities. the first district library law that enables one library system to serve two communities. Our Friends worked diligently to secure funding for our first library building in 1958, the Hills Branch in 1972, the present Farmington Branch in 1975, and an expanded Hills Branch Children's Department in 1980.

Now, the Farmington Friends of the Library Board has endorsed a ballot proposal to be submitted at an election this Aug. 4. The proposal requests 0.6 mill over 15 years, which will be used:

used: support a bond issue of \$11.7 million for the renovation and repair of both existing library branches and for the expansion of the Farmington Hills Branch; and To provide additional operating funds to increase the book collection and other library materials, improve information technology and increase the hours of operation.

Each year, the Friends Board supports new items for the collection, programs or services

items for the collection, programs or services that are not affordable in the library budget approved by the city councils. The improve-ments that will be made possible by passage of the millage are critically needed and are r available from regularly budgeted capital improvements. The scope of these improve is also well beyond the Friends' budget! Just as an excellent school system is one mea

Just as an excellent sensor system is our sure of an excellent community, with strong property values, so is an excellent library system. So, because we love to read, we Friends encourage all of our residents to become informed about the upcoming election and to

vote on Aug. 4. Rose Marie Fertig, president Farmington Friends of the Library



