

League of Women Voters Presents Guide to 26 Charter Candidates

The following information on the candidates for the charter commission was collected and compiled by the League of Women Voters of Farmington City and Township. The League never supports or opposes any political party or candidate. Questionnaires were sent to the candidates to obtain this information which the League felt was of interest to the voters. It is in the interest of service to the voter and in no way is to be construed as an endorsement thereof by the League of Women Voters.

All candidates were asked to answer two questions in 75 words:

1. What, in your opinion, would be the best type of government for the new city?

2. What are the most important points that you want to have incorporated into the charter?

NYLA ACHRIE, 35, 38475 Quaker Valley Rd., University of Detroit, Real Estate Broker.

Active in Quaker Valley Farms Sub. Assoc.

What particular training or experience have you had that makes you qualified for this Commission?

Knowledge acquired thru the sale of local real estate in parts of the township has served to make me aware of those things that enhance and preserve the value of real property and make Farmington an outstanding community.

1. One that would provide the greatest number of necessary services for the most conservative expenditure of tax dollars possible.

2. Until I had made a thorough study of the charters of neighboring Michigan cities, I could not say. The opportunity to profit by what other communities have learned through experience could serve us well.

ELISE P. AVERY, 31, 28460 Wildwood Trail, Farmington Township Treasurer.

Active in Michigan Township Assoc., Civic Study, Oakland Co. Treasurer's Assoc.

What particular training or experience have you had that makes you qualified for this Commission?

Over 11 years in Township Government. Elected to office six times.

1. Strong Mayor type of government with council, both directly responsible to the people.

2. (a) Conservative millage limitation.

(b) Continue special assessments for improvements making only those using the improvements responsible for same.

(c) An elected municipal judge, making more effective police protection.

(d) Partisan elections.

JOHN I. BAIN, 35, 26303 Springfield, B.S., Wayne State, L.L.B. Detroit College of Law, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Oakland County.

What particular training or experience have you had that makes you qualified for this Commission?

An interest in good government as well as a legal background.

1. One of the strong Mayor-Council type. While there is much to be said for either type, it is my conviction that this variety has proven most responsive to the needs and desires of the citizens of the community.

2. A realistic but reasonable limit on millage. Civic Service for employees to insure well qualified employees for the community and also to afford a degree of protection for both present and future employees.

JOSEPH T. BRENNAN, 40, 2540 Eastfield, Bachelor of Laws Degree, University of Detroit, practicing attorney.

Active in: Farmington Exchange Club, Glenoaks Subdivision Association.

What particular training or experience have you had that makes you qualified for this Commission?

I specialize in municipal law, presently representing four communities in Oakland and Livingston Counties. I am a member of the Michigan Society of Planning Officials and a member of the Board of Directors of the Public Corporation Law Section of the Michigan State Bar Association. During the period leading up to this election I acted as chairman of the Study Committee appointed to review the subject of Incorporation.

1. I personally lean toward the council-manager form but other forms may be equally acceptable. The government should have clear lines of authority and responsibility.

2. (a) A property tax limitation geared to those services desired by a majority of our citizens.

(b) Retention of the Petition requirement for special assessments.

(c) No income tax or other excise tax be permitted without a vote of the people.

ROBERT LEWIS BROWN, 38, 3025 1/2 Mile Road, A.B., Albion College, Insurance Executive, R. Lewis Brown & Associates (owner).

(c) Specific departmental organization and functions.

(d) Public improvements by special assessment districts.

(e) In effect, a detailed charter, yet retaining for the council considerable discretionary powers to meet future needs.

RONALD GRANT ENDERS, 34, 3024 N. Stockton, Michigan Institute and Det. Institute of Tech., Assistant Gen. Manager, Taylor Supply Co.

Active in: Larkspur P.T.A. president.

What particular training or experience have you had that makes you qualified for this Commission?

I have had training and experience in both management and accounting fields.

1. No answer.

2. I am not interested in changing to a city. I advised the people who signed my petition of this, stating that if the charter commission did not agree, we could possibly be represented on the board again, possibly keep things running as they are to the township as we could.

CHARLES W. FRITZ, 40, 22221 Wildwood Trail, B.S., Currently working on MAB Wayne Univ., Plant Manager, Precision Heat Treat Co.

Active in: Woodbine Improvements Ass'n, Member of Study Commission.

What particular training or experience have you had that makes you qualified for this Commission?

As a citizen member of the study commission I had opportunity of investigating incorporation issue. Being a devotee in local government, I have had a working knowledge of township government. With my business experience gained as a member of the study commission I feel qualified to serve as a member of the Charter Commission.

1. We should have a city government which has clear lines of authority. I believe that the most efficient type of city government is a Council-Manager form of government.

2. We should have a Charter which can best carry out completion of the "Planned Community" which is the present policy of our Township. Where the needs of the citizens are recognized but with reasonable controls and tax limitations to effect a desired goal.

RICHARD H. GAUL, 55, 23875 Lionacre, Business, sales & management courses, Superintendent of Police, Cadillac Motor Co. Division, General Motors Co.

Active in: Woodcroft, Civic Ass'n.

What particular training or experience have you had that makes you qualified for this Commission?

As a superintendent of police, I have experience in the management of a large organization. My business and personal judgment, training and experience in the administration of rules, regulations and contracts. My interest in our community to devote the necessary time and effort required for this office.

1. To achieve community cooperation, I believe we should have a non-partisan government operating on an individual basis.

2. (a) Tax limitation would provide our present type of services. Services requiring additional taxes to be decided by voters.

(b) Continue with our present zoning plan to preserve rural-type atmosphere.

(c) No broader power than officials of township should be handled by special tax assessment to the property owners of the affected area.

CLIFFORD B. NOOREHEAD, 35, 29536 Eastfield, Attended Cleveland College, division of Western Reserve University and Fenn College, both in Cleveland, Ohio; not a graduate of either school, General Manager, National Trailer Rental Ass'n.

Active in: Glen Oaks Council, Past President, presently director, Farmington Kiwanis Club, Past President, presently director; Citizen member of Farmington Township Pre-Incorporation Study Committee.

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Six years as President of Association of City Managers.

1. City manager type.

2. Provide a type which would be as close as possible to the Township type.

WARREN E. HANSEN, 42, 37222 Rhonson Drive, two years at Michigan State, student of Mr. Swiss of the Lakeside.

Active in: Meadowbrook Hills Home Owners Association.

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1. The council-manager form, providing for non-partisan council, popularly elected by the people.

2. (a) Initiative, referendum, and recall.

(b) Four-year terms for council.

(c) Specific departmental organization and functions.

experience not commonly given to candidates.

1. I have not yet committed myself to any particular type of government for the new city.

2. (a) Continuation of the township's present planning and zoning program.

(b) Provision for local improvements to be initiated by petition and paid for by special assessment districts.

(c) Provision that any income tax be decided by an election of the voters.

(d) Provision for clearly defined responsibilities and authority for elected officials.

(e) Establishment of the lowest tax limitation practicable to accomplish the foregoing ambitions.

RUSSELL NANKRYER, 35, 35046 Quakerturn Lane, graduate Albion College, Univ. of Mich. School of Business Adm., IBM Corp.

Active in: Farmington YMCA, Board of management, Farmington Township Planning and Zoning Commission; Study Commission on question of Incorporation.

What particular training or experience have you had that makes you qualified for this Commission?

1. Major in Political Science in College.

2. Experience gained on Planning and Zoning Commission.

3. Experience gained through serving on Study Committee.

1. I should not care to voice an opinion in this regard, as I have not yet reached the stage of the question of incorporation detailed study; consequently, I would rather treat this without any preconceived ideas.

2. (a) Lines of authority and responsibility clearly defined.

(b) Tax limitation geared to only the services deemed necessary by the majority of the citizens.

(c) No income tax.

(d) Improvements provided by special assessments from those that benefit from the improvements.

(e) Retain the petition requirement for those assessments.

THOMAS R. NOLAN, 36, 22180 Ontaga Ct., two years college, District Sales Manager, Transportation Services Co.

Active in: Forest Park Homeowners Assoc., Past President; Dads Club Farmington Jr. Football, Past President; State U.S. Jr. Chamber of Commerce, five years Dir. of Birs, two years as Vice Pres. Garden City High.

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WILLIAM B. SMOLEK, 35, 28800 Wellington Rd., College Postgraduate work in Ind. Eng., President-Owner of Machine Shop, Air-Mat Products Co., Inc. Active in University Lions Club, American Ordnance Association.

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I am currently a councilman of the village of Wood Creek Farms and Chairman of the Planning Commission. I am also consulting an unexpired term on the School Board. I have been active all my life in working with groups such as Junior Achievement, Torch Drive, Church Bodies, etc. This along with my interest in our community should prove an asset in accomplishing the duties of the Charter Commission.

What, in your opinion, would be the best type of a government for the new city?

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2. I am opposed to incorporation at this time because the need for cityhood has not been established. If we must become a city I would favor joining with the adjacent City of Farmington for extra efficiency at lower cost to taxpayers.

3. Representation for all areas of Farmington. Widest participation by the citizens in their government, including open meetings, advisory committees, right to petition.

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1. A Municipal Council with power to meet our needs.

2. Right of Referendum to enable the voters to meet ordinances directly—this is not available in Townships.

ALDO VAGNOZZI, 40, 26033 Larian, Wayne State University; Kilarian, Wayne State University, B.A. degree in Journalism; Editor, Michigan A.F.L.-C.I.O. News.

Active in: Farmington P.T.A., Council, Beechview P.T.A., East Jr. High P.T.A. Assoc., Farmington Democratic Club, Kimberley Ass'n.

What particular training or experience have you had that makes you qualified for this Commission?

I have been active in civic and community affairs since moving to Farmington. Township 54 years ago. The activity has included attendance at numerous Farmington Township governmental meetings as well as experience gained as a candidate for Township Supervisor in 1964. I have also studied charter provisions in other communities. I would offer the charter commission an independent viewpoint, free of domination. I have a background in communications which I would use to involve the entire community in the writing of the charter should incorporation be approved.

1. While I am not in favor of incorporation at this time if cityhood is approved, I would favor a charter which maintains government close to the people—two-year terms of office; initiative and referendum provisions, open meetings.

2. Ban conflict-of-interest by elected and appointed officials.

3. Strong zoning provisions.

4. Open forum at city meetings.

5. Civil Service for employees.

6. Representation for all areas of the proposed city.

CHARLES W. STEVENSON, 30, 32882 Biddlestone Lane, Wayne State University, B.S. Detroit College of Law, Staff Supervisor, Michigan Bell Telephone Co.

Active in: Boy Scouts of America.

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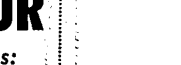
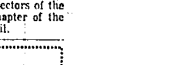
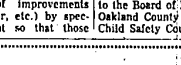
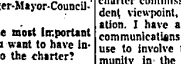
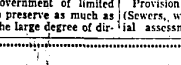
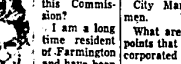
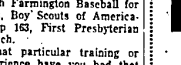
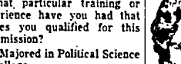
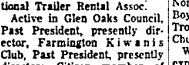
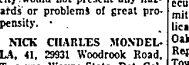
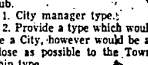
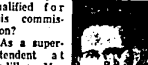
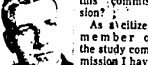
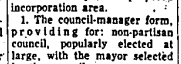
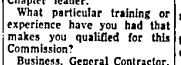
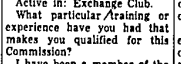
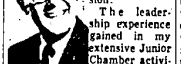
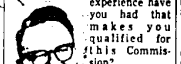
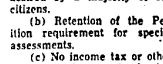
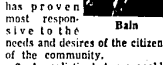
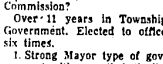
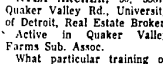
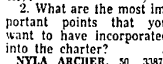
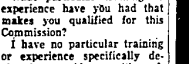
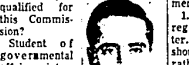
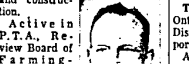
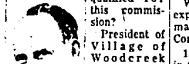
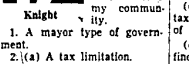
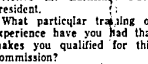
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Candidate for Charter Commission Says:

A YES VOTE FOR INCORPORATION MEANS

You are for a BROADER TAX BASE
You are for REASONABLE SCHOOL TAXES
You are for a GREATER VOICE in GOVERNMENT

VOTE YES on JUNE 6

Paid Pol. Adv.