

VOTER GUIDE – NOVEMBER ELECTION
CITY of FARMINGTON
Tuesday, November 3, 2009
POLLS ARE OPEN 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.

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Questionnaires were NOT sent to Candidates UNOPPOSED on the Ballot:

For **CITY COUNCIL**

TWO 4-year terms (two highest vote totals) and ONE 2-year term (third highest vote total)

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MICHAEL J. WIGGINS 31528 Marblehead Farmington, MI 48336
DAVID WRIGHT 33740 Oakland St. Farmington, MI 48335

THERE ARE 11 CITY PROPOSALS ON THE BALLOT.

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL 1	Shall the Farmington City Charter, Section 3.4, be restated to acknowledge that, due to changes in Michigan election law, regular city elections are now held in November of each odd-numbered year, rather than in April of each odd-numbered year?
CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL 2	Shall the Farmington City Charter, Section 3.5, relating to City elective offices and terms of office, be amended to state that the term of office for a Councilmember elected in November 2012 or thereafter commences at 12:00 p.m. noon on the Monday following the regular City election, instead of 8:00 p.m. as now provided?
CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL 3	Shall the Farmington City Charter, Sections 3.9, be amended to delete the current time period for filing nomination petitions for City office with the Clerk and to provide instead that such petitions shall be filed between the 90th day before the date of the election and the 75th day before the date of the election?
CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL 4	Shall the Farmington City Charter, Sections 3.9 relating to the filing of nomination petitions, 3.11 relating to the filing of supplementary or replacement petitions, and 3.16 relating to the filing of a petition or counter-petition for recount, be changed to state that the time for filing such petitions is 4:00 p.m., instead of 5:00 p.m.?

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<p>CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL 5</p>	<p>Shall the Farmington City Charter, Section 3.15, relating to canvassing votes, be amended by deleting its current language, which is no longer enforceable under state law, and replacing it with a statement acknowledging current state law that the City Council shall either appoint a 4-member board of canvassers with all of the powers granted to and duties required by law to be performed under state law, or may alternatively contract with the county for the county board of canvassers to perform all the functions of the city board of canvassers in accordance with state law?</p>
<p>CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL 6</p>	<p>Shall the Farmington City Charter, Section 5.1, be amended to allow an elected City Councilmember to be appointed to an independent board or commission, if otherwise eligible, during that officer’s term of office, while retaining the prohibition against being employed by the City during the term of office for which he or she was elected and for two years thereafter?</p>
<p>CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL 7</p>	<p>Shall the Farmington City Charter, Section 5.4, relating to filling vacancies on the City Council be amended to provide that the appointment of a person to serve on Council shall be by a majority of the serving members of the Council, to provide that the appointment process will be established by the Council, and to provide that, if Council does not agree on an appointee, or if there are three or more vacancies on the Council, an election to fill the vacancy or vacancies will be called for the next available special or general election, instead of within 60 days?</p>
<p>CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL 8</p>	<p>Shall the Farmington City Charter, Section 9.4, be amended to state that the thirty-first day of December is “tax day” as established by applicable state law, and to delete the current reference to January 1 as “tax day”?</p>
<p>CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL 9</p>	<p>Shall the Farmington City Charter, Section 9.7, be amended to allow the convening of the first session of the Board of Review “after” the Tuesday following the second Monday in March, and to allow the convening of the second session “on or before” the Tuesday following the fourth Monday in March, rather than requiring convening only “on” those dates?</p>
<p>CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL 10</p>	<p>Shall the Farmington City Charter, Section 9.16, relating to collection fees for unpaid taxes, be amended to reduce the collection fee on unpaid taxes from four (4) percent to one (1) percent? Note: This amendment will not take effect unless Proposal 11 is also approved.</p>
<p>CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL 11</p>	<p>Shall the Farmington City Charter, Section 9.16, relating to collection fees for unpaid taxes, be amended to add a penalty provision of one (1) percent interest per month on unpaid taxes for taxes paid after August 31? Note: This amendment will not take effect unless Proposal 10 is also approved.</p>

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