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CITY OF ROCHESTER HILLS



Bev Jasinski

DATE: 7/8/04

TO: AIS Committee

RE: Elimination of Primary Election

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The following communities have by a vote of their residents eliminated City Primary Elections:

1. Troy – eliminated in 1998
  - a. Minutes have resolutions only; no discussion
  - b. Clerk indicated that candidates were in favor of eliminating the Primary  
Because it would involve less time campaigning and less costs for signs
  
2. Farmington Hills – eliminated in early 1990's (exact date to be provided)
  - a. City was studying revisions to charter as they do every 10 years
  - b. Non partisan election so city felt there was no real need for a primary
  - c. Seen as acting fiscally responsible; cost savings to city
  - d. Better control of blight; no signs in June or July
  - e. Positive feedback from candidates
  
3. Novi – Clerk on vacation until 7/13/04; left message 2 weeks ago
  - a. Staff person indicated it was very costly for candidates and city
  - b. Requested copies of minutes, none provided to date