

Elections

Return Moffitt to county seat

David Moffitt has been an adept player on the Oakland County Board of Commissioners for 14 years.

He is seeking re-election to another two-year term for the 18th District, representing Farmington Hills north of 10 Mile.

We believe he has a proven track record of reasonable decisions, leadership and hard work and should be returned to again serve on the commission. Cast a **yes** vote for Moffitt, who is running against Democrat newcomer Ryan Gesund.

Our support of the Farmington Hills resident also comes with a word of admonishment. We urge Moffitt to take the rules concerning campaign finance reports more seriously and file the reports within prescribed deadlines.

Moffitt told the Observer that he is financing his campaign mostly with his own money. That's why it leaves us wondering what is the difficulty in filing the required forms by the designated deadlines. Paying a \$500 fine as he recently did is not good enough. The voters in this regard deserve more respect.

We are, however, confident that Moffitt, armed with plenty of knowledge of county government and accompanying issues, will con-

tinue to use reason and sensitivity in his votes on the county board.

His track record shows deep involvement and commitment to his district and to the county government. He is chairman of the commission's public services committee, zoning coordinating committee, court reform study committee and rules revision study committee.

Moffitt introduced legislation to bring the 911 issue before the county board. We need immediate action on this issue. The time has come.

Moffitt also opposed the transfer of mental health services to an independent authority because legal and policy safeguards he introduced for consumer responsiveness and voter accountability were not enacted.

Though Moffitt believes computer technology is a better choice for constituents to communicate with the county, we still believe that the Farmington area is in need of a satellite county office. We urge Moffitt to follow his constituents' demands.

Cast your vote for **David Moffitt** and return him to complete his work – such as fully cablecasting commission meetings – on the Oakland County Board of Commissioners.