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## No surprises

### Council balance remains at 7-3

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In an election that drew less than 12 percent of the 86,672 registered voters in the city, three Democrats and two Republicans took the five Ann Arbor City Council seats contested last night.

Incumbent candidates Heidi Herrell and Christopher Kolb retained their seats in Wards III and V, respectively, while newcomers John Hieftje (D-Ward I), Dee Freiberg (R-Ward II) and Marcia Higgins (D-Ward IV) took control of the three remaining seats in preliminary results.

Kolb said, "It feels great to be reelected to city council. Every couple of years we get reviewed by voters. I take nothing for granted. I stand for neighborhoods, community and people."

The balance of power on the council will remain — seven Democrats and three Republicans, plus Republican Mayor Ingrid Sheldon.

Sheldon said she was happy with the results because the Democrats did not win an eighth seat, the number needed to override vetoes by the mayor.

"I think the threat of veto adds an element of civility to council," Sheldon said.

Not surprised by her loss to Dee Freiberg in Ward II, Parma Yarkin said, "I stayed in the race



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ABOVE: City councilmember Chris Kolb (D-Ward V) sits at the Arbor Brewing Company after he was re-elected last night. LEFT: University faculty members Larry Radine and Glenda Radine vote yesterday at Angell School on South University Avenue.



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to make sure there was a respectable Democratic alternative. I wanted to make sure people had a good reason to vote 'yes' for parks."

The parks proposal to which Yarkin referred — an additional .5 mill that would fund future parkland purchases — passed with 65 percent of the vote.

University Medical Prof. Bob O'Neal said the parks proposal was one of the main reasons he decided to vote yesterday.

"I voted yes because I think it is important we preserve as much free land as we can," O'Neal said. "We need to protect it from development and protect the rivers. They're a resource that once we lose it we will never get it back."

The night's most contested race belonged to the candidates of Ward IV. Republican candidate Marcia Higgins edged out Democrat candidate Lawrence

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### Ann Arbor City Council Results

(Projected winners in bold. D = Democrat, R = Republican, L = Libertarian, Ref. = Reform)

■ **Ward I** — Charles Goodman (L), **John Hieftje (D)**,

■ **Ward II** — **Dee Freiberg (R)**, Kurt Verhoff (R), Parma Yarkin (D)

■ **Ward III** — **Heidi Cowing Herrell (D)**, Gabriel Quinnan (L), Tim Ralston (R)

■ **Ward IV** — **Marcia Higgins (R)**, Lawrence Kestenbaum (D), Stephen James Saletta (L)

■ **Ward V** — Garry Conrad Kaluzny (L), **Christopher Kolb (D)**, Bill Krebaum (Ref.), Michael Maylen (R)