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IN THE LAST 10 YEARS, HAVE YOU BEEN A MEMBER OR AFFILIATED WITH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING POLITICAL PARTIES?

Libertarians (Liberal Democrats)

IF YOU RESIGNED PARTY MEMBERSHIP, WHAT YEAR?

#### I BELIEVE COUNCIL SHOULD PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY:

As their primary responsibility

#### I BELIEVE RATES SHOULD:

Council Should always be looking to reduce by being efficient

#### I BELIEVE RATE CAPPING:

Is vital and must remain unchanged

#### I BELIEVE COUNCIL:

Should focus on Local matters only and stay out of State, Federal or international issues as much as it can

#### ALL COUNCIL EXPENDITURE SHOULD BE:

Disclosed in as much detail as possible

#### A CANDIDATE SHOULD LIVE IN THE WARD THEY SEEK ELECTION

YES - they must live in the area they want to represent (I live in the ward I am running for)

#### AS A CANDIDATE:

I WILL accept donations from Political Parties

#### AS A CANDIDATE:

I WILL NOT accept donations from Developers

#### AS A CANDIDATE:

I WILL NOT accept donations from Unions

#### COUNCILLORS ARE BETTER IF

They are from a political party and declare it publicly

# COUNCIL CEO'S AND EXECUTIVES SHOULD HAVE PUBLIC KPI'S TIED TO THEIR REMUNERATION AND THEIR RESULTS SHOULD BE VISIBLE

YES - public money equals public accountability

#### I BELIEVE COUNCILLORS

Should make decisions in the best interests of their community regardless of their personal views

#### AS A CANDIDATE, I BELIEVE AUSTRALIA DAY SHOULD BE HANDLED BY COUNCIL:

by holding a day where we allow everyone to celebrate as they wish

# HAVE YOU HAD THE FOLLOWING VOLUNTEER/UNPAID OR COMMITTEE EXPERIENCE IN THE LAST 10 YEARS IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

#### I BELIEVE THAT CLIMATE CHANGE

Does not generally belong in Local Councils (it is mostly a State/Federal issue); Is something Councils should consider in rational and practical ways without throwing money away

## WHAT DO YOU THINK YOUR COMMUNITIES' TOP 5 FUNDING PRIORITIES ARE FROM COUNCIL FUNDS?

Roads, Footpaths, Drains (New and maintenance); Value for Money in service delivery; Cutting Council Waste (spending); Improving the efficiency of the planning process; Supporting Local Businesses

#### MY CAMPAIGN IS FUNDED BY:

Me alone

IF ELECTED, I WILL FOCUS ON LOCAL ISSUES AND AVOID FEDERAL AND INTERNATIONAL ISSUES AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE?

YES

IF ELECTED, I WILL ADVOCATE THAT ANNUAL CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEYS ARE CONSIDERED, AND THE ANNUAL PLAN IS DEVISED TO ADDRESS PERFORMANCE GAPS

YES

IF ELECTED, I PLEDGE TO ADVOCATE THAT THE COUNCIL 4 YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN INCORPORATES SERVICE DELIVERY STANDARDS.

YES

IF ELECTED, I WILL ADVOCATE THAT ALL OVERSEAS/INTERSTATE TRAVEL MUST BE APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL IN A PUBLIC MEETING

YES - but I will not support any overseas travel

IF ELECTED, I WILL ADVOCATE THAT COUNCIL PUBLISHES ALL COUNCILLOR AND STAFF EXPENDITURE ON THE COUNCILS WEBSITE EVERY QUARTER

YES

#### IF ELECTED, I WILL ADVOCATE TO

Advocate to conduct an organisational review to reduce duplication and waste in staff resources

IF ELECTED, I WILL ADVOCATE THAT COUNCIL IMPLEMENTS A COUNCILLOR VOTING REGISTER ON COUNCILS WEBSITE (TO SHOW HOW EVERY COUNCILLOR VOTED ON EACH ITEM IN THE MINUTES OF EACH MEETING)

YES

IF ELECTED, I WILL ALWAYS REMAIN PROFESSIONAL ON SOCIAL MEDIA, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, AND IN ALL DEALINGS IN THE COUNCIL. I WILL ALWAYS TREAT THE COMMUNITY WITH DIGNITY, COURTESY AND RESPECT.

YFS

IF ELECTED, I WILL ENSURE I RESPOND TO COMMUNICATION FROM COMMUNITY MEMBERS (UNLESS THE SENDER IS DEFAMATORY OR ABUSIVE)

YES

IF ELECTED, I WILL ADVOCATE FOR A COUNCIL TRANSPARENCY HUB WHERE ALL INFORMATION IS DISPLAYED OPENLY ON THE COUNCIL'S WEBSITE

YFS

IF ELECTED, I WILL ADVOCATE FOR COUNCILLOR BRIEFING MEETINGS (WHICH ARE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC & BETWEEN COUNCILLORS AND STAFF) SHOULD BE:

have high level minutes published

IF ELECTED, I WILL ADVOCATE FOR A BACK-TO-BASICS ACTION PLAN AS PART OF THE COUNCIL 4 YEAR PLAN TO MEASURE SERVICE DELIVERY OUTCOMES ON CORE COUNCIL SERVICES

YES

#### WHAT IS YOUR PITCH TO VOTERS? WHY SHOULD THEY VOTE FOR YOU?

As your Councillor, I will push for lower rates, to cut red tape and keep the council focused on local issues. Council funds belong to ratepayers, not the council. I will push for transparency and community engagement, ensuring residents are fully informed and supportive of the costs behind all projects and activities. I will be easily accessible and listen to your issues and together we can create a Wellington Shire that we can all be proud of.

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