



Candidate profile pack

**Announcement of candidates for
Auckland Council elections, 2010**

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From the President,

The executive and members of Citizens & Ratepayers take great pleasure in announcing the first round of candidates for the 2010 local government elections in the City of Auckland.

From 1 November this year Auckland will be governed by a new council made up of a mayor and 20 councillors. The Auckland Council will be complimented by 21 local boards across the region. Together, the council and local boards will be tasked with providing effective leadership and direction to steer the City of Auckland into the future.

Citizens & Ratepayers recognises that the elected representatives that serve Aucklanders under this new structure will need to be people with vision, flair and a passion for the community. The eleven candidates that we are announcing today are people of high calibre that are ready, willing and extremely able to move our great city forward.

The Citizens & Ratepayers candidates for the Auckland Council are professionals from a wide range of backgrounds and experience. They come from all four corners of the region and are well representative of our multicultural city. This is the first round of candidate announcements and more will follow in the near future.

We take great pleasure in presenting these eleven dedicated and enthusiastic individuals to Auckland.

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President,

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Citizens & Ratepayers Candidates for Auckland Council

Albany Ward

Cr Linda Cooper
Ms Josephine Kim

Waitakere City Councillor
Barrister and Solicitor

Albert-Eden-Roskill Ward

Hon Christine Fletcher QSO
Cr Paul Goldsmith

Former Mayor of Auckland
Auckland City Councillor

Franklin Ward

Cr Des Morrison

Franklin District Councillor

Maungakiekie-Tamaki Ward

Mr Alfred Ngaro

Community Development Consultant

Orakei Ward

Cr Douglas Armstrong QSO

Auckland City Councillor

Te Irirangi (Howick) Ward

Cr Dick Quax
Cr Jami-Lee Ross

Manukau City Councillor
Manukau City Councillor

Waitamata and Gulf Ward

Cr Michael Barnett

Auckland Regional Councillor

Whau Ward

Cr Noelene Raffills

Auckland City Councillor

Albany Ward

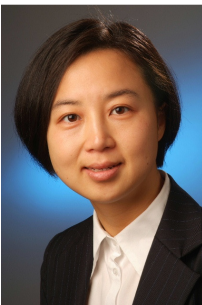
Cr Linda Cooper



Linda is married with three daughters and was born in Takapuna to a military family. She has worked as a registered nurse for 15 years and has lived in West Harbour since 1994. She has been involved in a variety of volunteer, governance and elected roles in the past 18 years.

Linda Cooper is currently a Waitakere City Councillor and JP, Trustee of Waitakere Licensing Trust, and Chairman of both West Auckland Hospice and Western Refuge and a Director of Waitakere City Holdings Company. Linda am a member of the Regional Transport Committee and Regional Sustainable Development Forum. Linda wants Auckland to become a highly sought after location and a place that attracts families, business and tourists to live, work and visit. She has the experience, commitment and stamina to realise that goal for Auckland.

Ms Josephine Kim



Jo Kim has lived in the Albany Ward for the last 9 years. She attended the University of Auckland and became the first Korean woman lawyer educated and admitted in New Zealand in 1999. Since then, she has been working for two premier law firms in Auckland as a senior lawyer, specialised in trade and investment. With her legal background over a decade, she believes that, she can make positive contributions towards economic prosperity of the Super city as a city councilor. .

Jo Kim is an executive committee of the Korea-New Zealand Business Council. She played a key role in establishment and management of the North Shore Korean Voice Trust, a charitable trust incorporated to advocate on behalf of Korean ratepayers living in the North Shore city. She is a board member of the Korean Cinerama Trust, which, in liaison with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, organised Korean Film Festivals in 2004, 2006 and 2008. She is a member of South Korea's Advisory Council on Democratic and Peaceful Unification.

Albert-Eden-Roskill Ward

Hon Christine Fletcher QSO



Christine Fletcher is a former Member of Parliament and Former Mayor of Auckland City. She is a passionate Aucklander. She will bring her knowledge, skills and experience to the Auckland Council. At a time of major change in Auckland, experience and understanding of local central government will be essential.

Chris is currently working in the areas of education and conservation. She continues to work for the preservation of and public access to the Manukau and Waitemata Harbours. She brings a calm but effective style of management to work with the many people and cultures that make up Auckland. She has an intimate understanding of local and central government which will be essential on the new Council.

Cr Paul Goldsmith



Paul Goldsmith, 39, is an Auckland City Councillor and a leading business historian and biographer. Since his election to the City Council for the Hobson Ward in October 2007, Paul has been part of a Citizens & Ratepayers caucus that has delivered on its election promises on rates and dignified governance. A first term councillor he was given chairmanship of the Community Services Committee, one of the council's five major committees, where he has kept the council focused on its core activities. He is also Deputy Chairman of the Finance Committee.

*Paul grew up in Mount Roskill. He attended Auckland Grammar School and has a MA in history from the University of Auckland. After working in parliament as a speech writer and press secretary for three cabinet ministers, he was a senior consultant for a major Auckland public affairs consultancy. Since 2003 he has concentrated on writing. Recent books include: *Fletchers: A Centennial History of Fletcher Building; We won, you lost. Eat that! A political history of tax in New Zealand since 1840; The Myers, (with Michael Bassett); and Brash: A Biography.**

Franklin Ward

Cr Des Morrison



Des Morrison is a New Zealand Maori of the Iwi Ngapuhi, son of a Dairy Farmer, shearing contractor, educated at Pukekohe High School, Auckland Technical Institute and latterly at the Henley Business Management College in the UK. His career at NZ Steel spanned thirty two years starting from its inception through to the completion and successful operation of a fully integrated Steel Works. This growth period afforded him the opportunity to operate at various management levels and disciplines within the Company prior to early retirement.

Des is currently in his second term as a Franklin District Councillor where as Chairman of Strategy and Policy he has been primarily focussed on the growth and economic development aspects of the District Des has been married for thirty seven years with a mature family of three.

Maungakiekie-Tamaki Ward

Mr Alfred Ngaro



Alfred Ngaro is a New Zealander of Cook Island descent. Alfred has worked in the community sector for over 20 years. He has been a Youth worker for local initiatives, community worker and counsellor. He has a Bachelor of Ministries in which he majored in Pastoral Care and Community engagement and development. He and his wife Moka founded the Tamaki Community Development Trust and have grown and developed innovative practices and models of care and indigenous approaches to addressing community issues specifically in partnering with families.

Alfred has also pioneered a number of community initiatives to address issues of Education, Health and Social Concern. He is actively involved with a National collaborative called Inspiring Communities Exchange Network focused on Community Led Development. Alfred is on a number of national advisory committees for the ministry of Social Development and chairs the Pacific Committee of the Auckland District Health Board

In 2009 Alfred Ngaro was awarded a Sir Peter Blake Emerging Leader Award for his contribution in the Tamaki Transformation Programme.

Orakei Ward



Cr Doug Armstrong QSO

Since 2001 Douglas has been an Auckland City Councillor representing the Hobson Ward. Douglas has been an effective Chair of the Finance Committee of the Auckland City Council. During this time he has delivered on the Citizens & Ratepayers promise of keeping rate increases to within inflation whilst progressing the City.

Douglas has also played a significant role in re-sanding of Kohimarama and St Heliers Bay beaches, as well as completion of the Britomart Project.

Before his involvement in Local Body Douglas was CEO of UNITEC. He is a professional engineer and a past President of the Institution of Professional Engineers. Douglas strongly believes in the concept of a united City of Auckland.

Te Irirangi (Howick) Ward

Cr Dick Quax



First elected to the Manukau City Council in 2001, Dick is an Olympic medallist and director of a successful event management company.

Dick has fought to limit rate increases to the rate of inflation and to invest in strategic areas such as better roads and public transport. As the portfolio leader for community safety, he has worked with Police and community organisations to ensure our streets are safe and that graffiti is controlled.

As well as focussing on community safety, Dick serves on the Pakuranga Community Board, Policy & Activities Committee and Accountability & Performance Committee.

Cr Jami-Lee Ross



A licensed pilot and Dilworth School Old Boy, Jami-Lee has represented Howick on the Manukau City Council for two terms.

He is passionate about the community and has worked to ensure that Howick, Pakuranga and Botany receive their fair share of support. Jami-Lee is determined to see that the new council is focused on getting value for money and providing core services to local citizens and ratepayers.

Jami-Lee is the chairman of the council's Accountability and Performance Committee. He also sits on the Howick Community Board, and the boards of the Howick Village Association and Uxbridge Community Arts Centre.

Jami-Lee is married to Lucy and lives in Dannemora.

Waitamata and Gulf Ward

Cr Michael Barnett



Michael Barnett is Chief Executive of the Auckland Regional Chamber of Commerce & Industry, a Director of both the Auckland Chamber and NZ Chambers of Commerce & Industry, and Secretary-General of NZ's National Committee of the International Chamber of Commerce.

Michael is chairman of the Equal Employment Opportunities Trust whose objective includes achieving greater work/life balance in the workplace, and is also chairman of the Auckland Children's Christmas Parade Trust which hosts an annual event for the people of Auckland. He is an elected member of the Auckland Regional Council and chairs Auckland Plus, the economic development unit for the Auckland Region.

Michael is passionate about Auckland and making sure it is a great place to live, work, play and visit.

Whau Ward

Cr Noelene Raffills



Noelene Raffills has been an Auckland City Councillor since 2000. She has since that time represented the Avondale Roskill Ward.

During her time as a councillor she has been a member of the Law and Order, City Development and Regulatory, Works and Services, Community Services, and Transport Committees.

Presently she is the chair of the Art Gallery Board and Deputy Chair of the Community Services Committee. She is also a Resource Management Commissioner and a Life Coach