

We asked candidates 15 questions. Ten questions are "Yes" or "No" questions (with candidates then able to explain their reasons). Their "Yes" or "No" answers to these 10 questions are summarised below. See our dedicated webpage for their rationale for their answers. For the full results and candidate responses, visit our dedicated webpage at: <https://concernedratepayerskapiti.org/candidates-for-the-2025-local-body-elections/>
A blank space means the candidate did not answer the question. A blank column means that the candidate did not provide an answer to our questionnaire.

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Affiliation (if any)	Independent		Independent	We Love Kapiti	We Love Kapiti	Independent		Independent	
Current councillor?	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Affordability and Financial Management									
The Long-Term Plan (LTP) 2024–2034 outlines average rates increases totalling 115% over 10 years. If (re)elected, would you support these planned increases? If not: What level of average annual increases would you consider acceptable instead?			No. Rates increases to be at annual CPI or below.	No. Answer did not provide an percentage figure for an acceptable level of rates increase.	No. Average rates increases should be no more than 3% per annum on average.			Did not provide a "yes" or "no" answer, or a percentage figure. Discussed the challenges facing Council alongside the challenge of keeping rates affordable.	
The LTP plans to spend an average of \$3.1 million per year on “economic development” over the next decade, mostly funded by residential rates. Would you support continuing this level of spending?			Yes, "if the returns on the spend are justified and provides a cost+ return on the investment"	No. If there is quantifiable benefit from the spend, it should be maintained. Otherwise, reduce the spending.	No. Would re-assess this initiative if elected.			Did not provide a "yes" or "no" answer. Answer outlines some of the funding mechanisms and a view that the community will benefit.	
Funding to the Toi Mahara gallery increased from \$218,600 in 2022/23 to \$671,300 in 2025/26—a 207% rise. Would you support this level of funding continuing over the next three years?			No.	No. If there is quantifiable benefit from the spend, it should be maintained. Otherwise, reduce the spending.	No. Considers the level of funding in 2022/23 (\$218,600) more appropriate, with CPI adjustments thereafter.			Provided an answer in support of the Gallery. Notes that Council funding will be set at \$605,000 per annum.	
KCDC plans to reduce its debt from a peak of \$345 million (in 2030) to \$262 million by 2034, largely funded through higher rates. Do you support this debt reduction strategy?			Supports debt reduction, through reducing Council costs and reducing spending on unnecessary projects.	No.	No.			Yes.	
The Government is exploring the possibility of capping local authority rate increases. Do you support the idea of capping rate increases?			Yes.	Yes.	Yes.			Does not support at this stage, particularly as don't know what the rate would be.	
Past Council Voting Record - for Current Councillors Only									
Rates increase of 17% in 2024/25 ands total rates increase of 115% over 10 years (vote at a Council Committee meeting, May 2024)		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			✓	
Rates increase of 12% in 2024/25 ands total rates increase of 89% over 10 years (vote at a Council Committee meeting, May 2024)		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			✗	
Adoption of final Long Term Plan, with a 115% rates increase included (Council meeting vote, June 2024)		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			✓	
Average Rates increase of 6.9% for 2025/26		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			✓	

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Transparency									
Do you believe KCDC currently engages well with the community on key plans like the LTP?			States the engagement seems transparent, but Council needs to listen to feedback and act on the consensus of the feedback.	No. The detailed answer includes a number of proposals on how the Council could improve its engagement with the community.	No. The detailed answer includes a number of proposals on how the Council could improve its engagement with the community.			Did not say "yes" or "no" but the detailed answer includes a several proposals on how the Council could improve its engagement with the community.	
Are you satisfied with the Council’s recent consultation process on the revised flood hazard maps?			No.	No.	No.			Did not answer "yes" or "no" but the detailed answer outlines some issues with how the process was run.	
If (re)elected, would you introduce new measures to increase Council transparency and public participation?			Would need to seek suggestions and advice from community groups.	Yes. The detailed answer includes a number of proposals for improvement.	Yes. The detailed answer includes a number of proposals for improvement.			Did not answer "yes" or "no" but notes Council needs to understand the information needs of the community and the most effective ways to share it.	
Governance and Accountability									
Some non-elected individuals currently have voting rights on KCDC committees. In other councils, non-elected individuals attend in an advisory role only. Do you support continuing voting rights for non-elected committee members?			No. Rights to vote should be limited to those people elected by ratepayers	No. Non-elected attendees should act in an advisory role only.	No. While community views should be sought in decision-making, only elected members should be able to vote.			Did not answer "yes" or "no" but notes this question will be reconsidered at the start of the next Council term.	
KCDC established a Māori ward without a referendum, which was later mandated by central government. The Government has since required Councils to hold a referendum on the establishment of Māori wards. Do you believe this decision should have been put to a local referendum regardless?			Yes.	Yes.	Did not provide a "yes" or no" answer. Instead, stated would honour the result of the referendum.			Yes.	
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Adoption of a Māori Ward (November 2023)		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	✗	