



Local Elections 2022



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Part 1: Election Overview 2022

**VOTE
2022**
LOCAL ELECTIONS


**PŌTI
2022**
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Overview

- Elections held three yearly
- Postal vote
- Election day - Saturday 8 October 2022
- ✓ • First Past the Post (FPP) - used for all 2022 local elections in Timaru District
- Changes 2022 vs 2019:
 - No DHB elections
 - Change in Authorisation of Advertising

Elections Legislation & Electoral Officer

Reprint
as at 26 March 2015




Local Electoral Act 2001
Public Act 2001 No 31
Date of assent 29 May 2001
Commencement see section 2

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Changes indicated by section 2 of Part 2 of the Legislation Act 2012 have been made in the official reprint.
Note 1 at the end of this document contains a list of the amendments incorporated.
This Act is administered by the Department of Internal Affairs.

Reprint
as at 29 June 2013



Local Electoral Regulations 2001
(SR 2001/161)
Sylvia Cartwright, Governor-General

Order in Council
At Wellington this 25th day of June 2001

Present
His Excellency the Governor-General in Council

Pursuant to sections 139 and 144 of the Local Electoral Act 2001, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council, makes the following regulations:

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A general outline of the changes is set out in the notes at the end of this reprint, together with other explanatory material about this reprint.
These regulations are administered by the Department of Internal Affairs.

Reprint
as at 1 September 2011



Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2002
Public Act 2002 No 126
Date of assent 19 December 2002
Commencement see section 2

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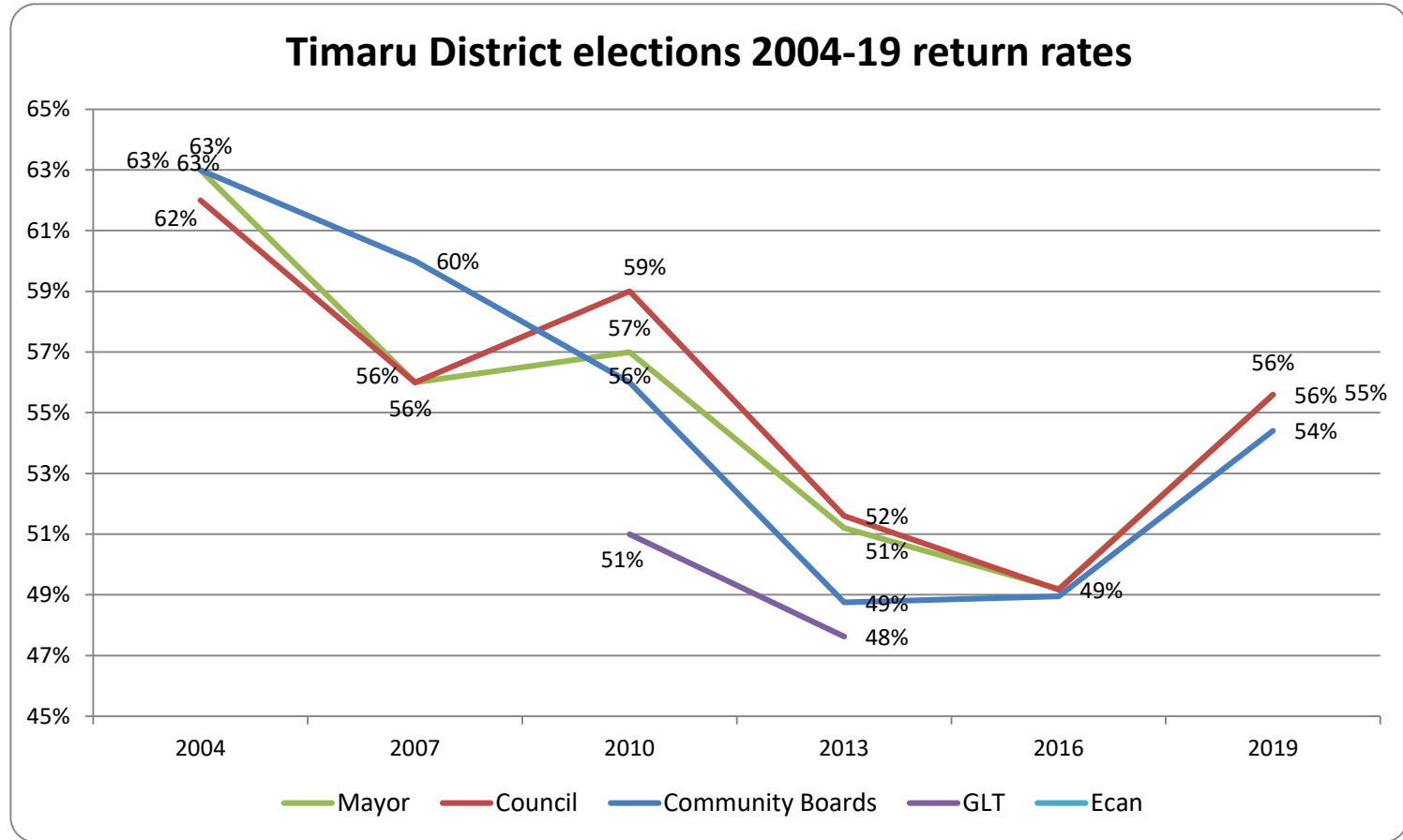
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This Act is administered by the Ministry of Justice.

- Electoral Officer (EO) is solely responsible for running the election
- Elections required to be conducted independently
- EO is not subject to the directions of any local authority, elected members, CE
- Not responsible for monitoring campaigning by candidates. Only deals with alleged breaches of the Act by passing them to the Police.

Key Dates

Nominations open	15 July (Friday)
Nominations close	<u>12 Noon</u> , 12 August (Friday)
Elections signs can go up	26 August (Friday)
Voting Documents delivered	16-21 September (Friday – Wednesday)
Special Voting Period	16 September – 8 October
Election Day	8 October (voting closes 12 noon)
Progress results available	8 October
Official Declaration	Approx. 14 October 2022
Candidate donations and expenses return	Approx. 14 December 2022

Election statistics



N.B. Stats only apply to contested elections

Electors

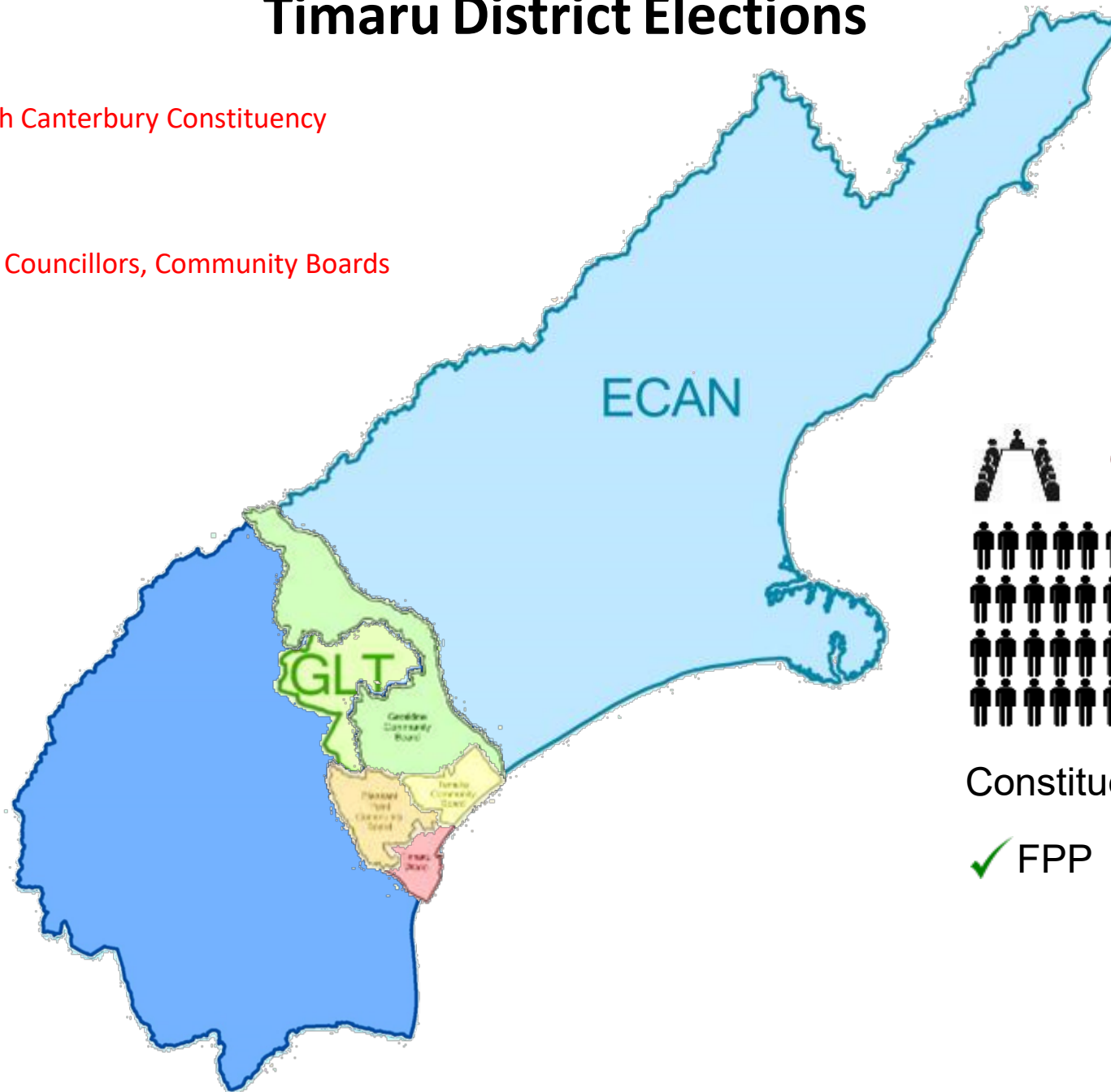
No. of Electors (as at 31 May 2022)			
TDC		ECan (South Canterbury)	GLT
Mayor	34,731	43,782	5,007
TDC - Timaru Ward	23,293		
TDC - Pleasant Point-Temuka Ward	6,935		
TDC – Geraldine Ward	4,503		
TDC - Temuka Community Board	4,702		
TDC - Pleasant Point Community Board	2,233		
TDC - Geraldine Community Board	4,503		

Timaru District Elections

Environment Canterbury – South Canterbury Constituency

Geraldine Licensing Trust

Timaru District Council - Mayor, Councillors, Community Boards



9 elections



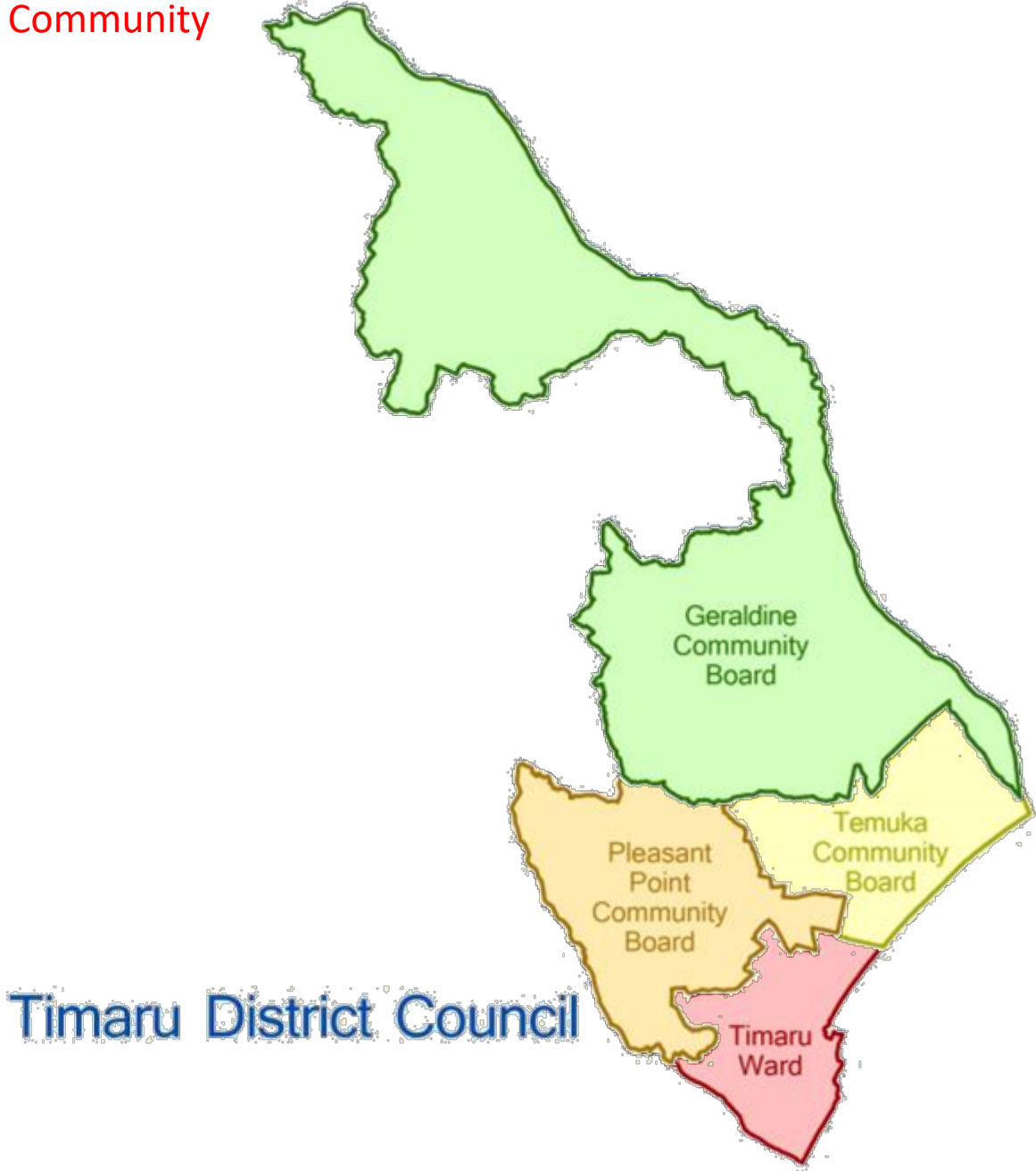
**34
elected
members**

Constituency/Wards/At Large

✓ FPP **1** STV



Timaru District Council Wards and Community Boards



Timaru District Elections

Timaru District Council

- Mayor
- 9 Councillors - three wards
 - Geraldine (1 Councillor)
 - Pleasant Point – Temuka (2 Councillors)
 - Timaru (6 Councillors)
- 16 Community Board Members – three boards
 - Geraldine (6 Members) + 1 appointed
 - Pleasant Point, Temuka (5 Members each) + 2 appointed



Geraldine Licensing Trust

- 6 members elected at large in GLT area

Environment Canterbury – South Canterbury Constituency

- 2 Councillors elected at large





Part 2: Nomination Process



Candidate Eligibility



- You must be a New Zealand citizen over the age of 18 (*evidence required*)
- Enrolled on the parliamentary electoral roll in NZ
- Nominator and seconder on roll in the area in which you are standing

Candidate Eligibility



You CAN STAND:

- For both Mayor and/or Councillor and/or Community Board
- For GLT if resident within the area
- If a Council employee but must resign if elected (except Community Board)
- If live outside the area, but must state on nomination paper

Standing for Election



You CANNOT STAND for:

- ECan and Timaru District Council
- More than one Ward or Constituency
- Have interest in a contract over \$25K per year with council without OAG approval
- People currently serving a prison sentence of three or more years cannot stand (as not a parliamentary elector).

CAN'T WITHDRAW AFTER NOMINATIONS CLOSE

Candidate Eligibility - Summary

			
NZ Citizen	✓	✓	✓
Over 18 & enrolled as a Parliamentary Elector (anywhere in NZ)	✓	✓	✓ (must be enrolled in GLT area)
Serving a prison sentence of 3 or more years	✗	✗	✗
Members Interest Act – concern/interest in contracts \$25k+*	✗	✗	✗
Disqualified under SSAA Part 322	NA	NA	✗
Residential Elector	NA	NA	✓

✓ Can stand

✗ Can't stand

NA Not Applicable

The Nomination Process

Nomination Period – Friday 15 July to midday Friday 12 August

- You must:
 - Complete a nomination form for each position standing in
 - Get two people to nominate you: These people must be over 18 years old and enrolled correctly to vote in the area you wish to stand in
 - State if standing in any other elections in NZ and whether reside in area of election or not
 - Pay a \$200 (inc GST) deposit per position
 - » Cash, Eftpos or Online banking – evidence required if Online banking (NO Cheques)
 - Must submit all nomination documents together
 - » Nom Paper, *Evidence of citizenship*, profile statement, photo, \$200 deposit
 - **Submit all nomination documents before 12 Noon, Friday 12 August**

A TE ROHE PŌTI | ELECTION AREA

I wish to stand for election as Mayor of Timaru District Council.
 My principal place of residence: is within the Timaru District Council election area is NOT WITHIN the Timaru District Council election area

B MĀ TE KAITIŌKI | CANDIDATE TO FILL OUT after reading important information on reverse

I, the nominator, confirm that I have read and understand the **Eligibility and Candidate** notes on the reverse of this form and certify that I am qualified to be a candidate under section 25 of the Local Electoral Act 2001 and regulations and that I am not disqualified under section 58 of the Local Electoral Act 2001. In particular, I am a New Zealand citizen and a parliamentary elector.

Address: _____
 (as listed on the parliamentary roll)

Email (preferred communication option for Electoral Officers): _____

Mobile phone: _____ **Home phone:** _____

I understand that the details provided on this nomination paper will be publicly available for election purposes.

Please advise the Electoral Officer at the time of lodging your nomination if there are contact details that you would not like to be published.

Note: Section 50(3) of the Local Electoral Act 2001 requires that this nomination form be available for public inspection at the Timaru District Council offices, 2 King George Place, Timaru. Please note that candidate and nominator details provided on this form may also be made available to other Timaru District Council websites.

I am also standing for the following election: _____

I wish my name to be shown on the voting document as: _____

I wish to use the following affiliation: (To be left blank if the candidate does not wish to use any party/group affiliation. A candidate with no affiliation may request that 'Independent' be shown. Maximum affiliation length is 28 characters (including any spaces between words).)

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

C MĀ TE KAITIŌKI | NOMINATORS TO FILL OUT

We, the undersigned electors of the Timaru District Council election area hereby nominate (candidate's full name): _____

with his/her consent, as a candidate for the office of Mayor of Timaru District Council, the election for which is to be held on 8 October 2022.

Full name of First Nominator: _____
Address: _____
Mobile phone: _____ **Home phone:** _____
Signature of First Nominator: _____ **Date:** _____

Full name of Second Nominator: _____
Address: _____
Mobile phone: _____ **Home phone:** _____
Signature of Second Nominator: _____ **Date:** _____

The Nomination Process *cont.*

- You may:
 - include a 150 word profile statement and a recent (*within the last year*) colour photograph of yourself.
 - Cannot be offensive, confusing or too long.
 - Have an affiliation or can be 'Independent'.
- All nominations must come to TDC office in Timaru or email elections@timdc.govt.nz (For TDC/GLT)
- Nomination documents available Council offices, online, post
- Nominations close **noon, Friday 12 August**
- Candidate contact details will be public info

DO NOT leave until the last minute!

The image shows a portion of a nomination form for the Mayor of Timaru. The form is titled 'KOROMATUA | MAYOR PUKA TONO | NOMINATION FORM TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL | 2022 ELECTIONS'. It includes sections for the candidate to fill out, such as 'I am also standing for the following elections:' and 'I wish to use the following affiliation:'. There are also sections for nominators to fill out, including 'Full name of First Nominator', 'Address', 'Mobile phone', 'Home phone', 'Signature of First Nominator', and 'Date'. The form is in English and Māori.

Candidate Profile Statement/Photo

- May be provided with the nomination
- Up to **150** words about the candidate, policies and intentions if elected
- Cannot comment on policies etc. of any other candidate
- Profile statement/Photo printed in colour in Candidate Profile Book sent to all electors
 - Put on website as soon as ready after close of nominations
 - Will put candidate contact details on website
- EO not required to verify or investigate any information included
- Photos - Should be in colour, within last 12 months, head and shoulders shot only (no hats, sunglasses, children, pets or friends)
- See CIB for more details



Example of Profile Statement

Wellington City Council

Electing the Mayor



Celia WADE-BROWN

a good choice for Wellington

My principal place of residence is not in the Wellington City Council area.

Auto-populated text

I am also standing for the Northern Ward and the Capital and Coast DHB.

Celia Wade-Brown is an approachable, fair and inclusive leader. Her positive Council contribution, community work and business background offer a good combination of skills. She has protected heritage and open space, led significant energy and water

Hard-coded text



Part 3: Campaigning



Campaigning 1

- Can start at any time
- Generally no rules around campaigning or conduct, but:
 - Can't use council resources for campaigning (logo, branding, colours, TDC social media, photos, council buildings)
 - Voting papers should not be collected from electors by candidates or their assistants
- No campaigning or electioneering in Council Chambers or on Council premises
- All campaign material (signs, posters, billboards, flyers, adverts, cars, social media, websites etc.) must have an authorisation from the candidate, stating their name, and contact details – either a:
 - physical residential or business address; or
 - email address; or
 - PO Box number; or
 - phone number; or
 - link to a page on an internet site (if it contains one of the contact details listed previously)

Campaigning 2

- Specific rules for election hoardings (26 August 2022) – refer to the handbook
- Election material cannot contain:
 - any untrue statement which is defamatory of any candidate and calculated to influence the vote of electors
 - an imitation voting paper which has the names of the candidates, other than their own name
- Any content of signs is subject to Advertising Standards Authority (ASA) guidelines and complaints process – must be factual
- Usual rules of defamation apply but don't complain to EO if you don't like what someone says about you!
- Read up on the election offences

Social Media

- TDC etc. social media channels cannot be used for electioneering by candidates or members of the public – will be constantly monitored and strictly enforced
(e.g. you cannot campaign on Council’s channels, or piggyback on their audiences)
- Council’s social media channels will remain neutral. Council will promote elections and the importance of voting but will not associate these posts with any candidates
- During the lead-up to elections, the current Mayor and Councillors may be used in social media posts where appropriate and is considered ‘business as usual’ to use them.
- Council’s social media channels:
 - Council will unlike / unfollow all candidate social media channels
 - Any post - positive or negative - made by any individual specifically relating to their own or someone else's nomination, intention to run for Council or election campaign, will be removed
 - Candidates must not link their own social media channels (if they are used for campaigning purposes) to the Council’s social media channels, and must ensure that they have the appropriate authorisation

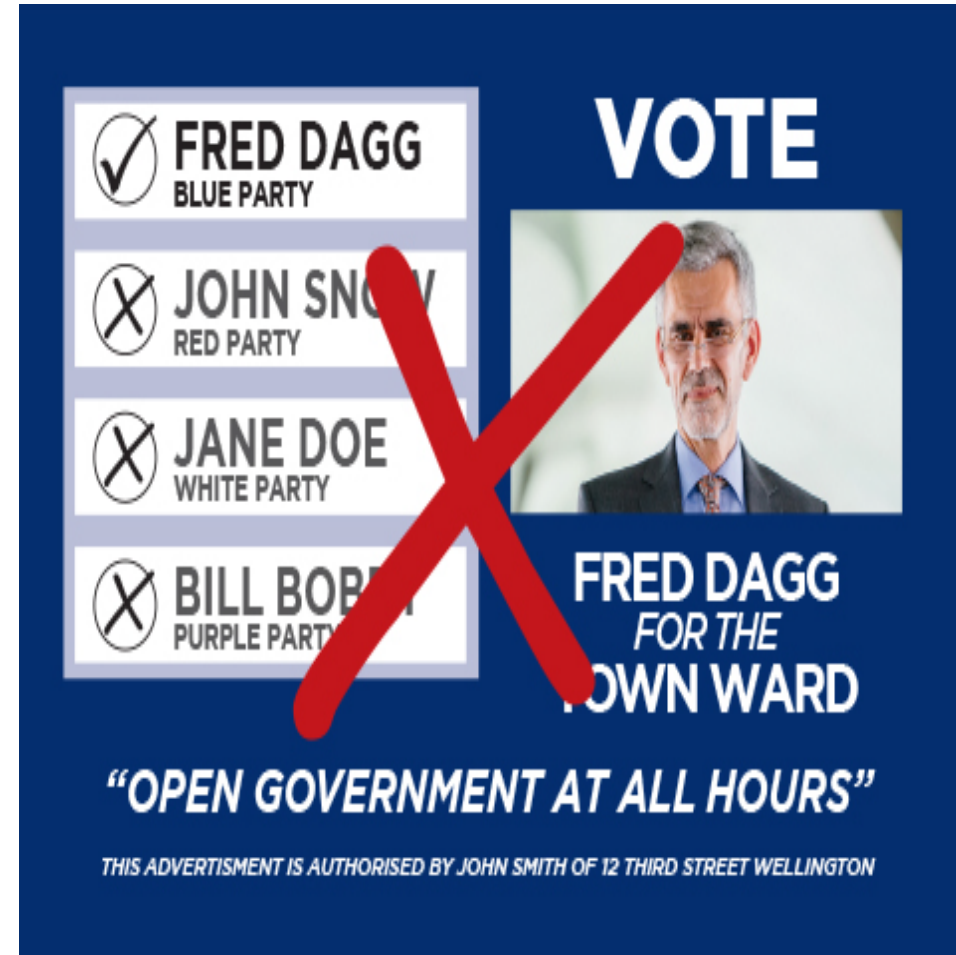
Election Signage

- Election signs can go up from **Friday 26 August**
- Must comply with TDC Election Signage Policy/NZTA rules for State Highways – see Candidate Handbook
- Must include authorisation statement
- Complaints made to TDC's Enforcement Officers – not the EO or DEO

Authorisation on campaign material



Example of non-compliant sign



Electoral Expenses

- Campaign expenditure is:
 - All expenses relating to campaign for period 3 months before election day – 8 July 2022 – 8 October 2022
 - Any apportioned costs of campaign expenditure carried out prior to 8 July 2022
- Expenditure limits – GST inclusive
- If standing for more than one position the higher limit applies
- Election expenses for campaigning must be recorded from 8 July 2022 and declared in a return after the election – keep receipts
- Deposit not refunded until the return is completed (*provided candidate gets more than 25% of the votes of the lowest successful candidate*)
- Electoral Donations and Expenses returns required within 55 days after the official result declaration – approx **14 December**
- Electoral donations and expenses returns are public documents - on council website for 7 years
- You don't get refunded anything you spend. This is your expense.

Election Expenditure Limits

		Population (30 June 2021 estimate)	\$ Expenditure Limit (inc GST)
Mayoral Candidate	Timaru District	48,400	\$30,000
District Council Candidate	Geraldine	6,170	\$7,000
	Pleasant Point – Temuka	9,820	\$7,000
	Timaru	32,500	\$20,000
Community Board Candidate	Geraldine	6,170	\$7,000
	Pleasant Point	3,140	\$3,500
	Temuka	6,680	\$7,000
Licensing Trust Candidate	Geraldine	6,000	\$7,000
Environment Canterbury	South Canterbury Constituency	64,200	\$40,000

Electoral Donations

- No time limit on when donations are received, every donation to be recorded
- Donations are defined as gifts of money, good or services made to a candidate – you don't have to accept.
- Donations exclude the labour of any person provided to a candidate free of charge, Goods and service provided free which have a reasonable market value of < \$300.
- No such thing as an “anonymous” donation if you know who it has come from:
 - someone can't give a donation and ask for it to be treated anonymously
 - anonymous means you don't know who it came from, can't reasonably work it out
 - A third party who passes on a donation must disclose who the donor is
- If it is a genuine anonymous donation cannot be over \$1,500:
 - if it is, candidate can't keep balance over \$1,500, it must be given to EO to pass onto council
 - a donation made up of contributions (e.g. to a trust) is treated as one donation, and can't be over \$1,500
 - it is an offence to circumvent \$1,500 limit, i.e. by deliberately splitting up a donation into smaller contributions.
- Must be included in return. Keep proper records of all donations received

ELECTION OFFENCES

- See page 53 of TDC Candidate Handbook
- Imitation Voting Papers
- Bribery
- Treating
 - Can't provide food, alcohol, drinks, entertainment as an inducement to vote (light refreshments after a meeting is ok)
 - Can't give away tee shirts, bags, pens, note pads, fridge magnets (items of value) etc
- Undue Influence – cant stand over someone telling them how to vote, or post or deliver someone else's voting paper or display a copy of your completed voting paper
- Unauthorised advertisements
- Any formal complaint passed to the Police



Part 4: Election Process and Results



Electoral Roll



Preliminary Electoral Roll:

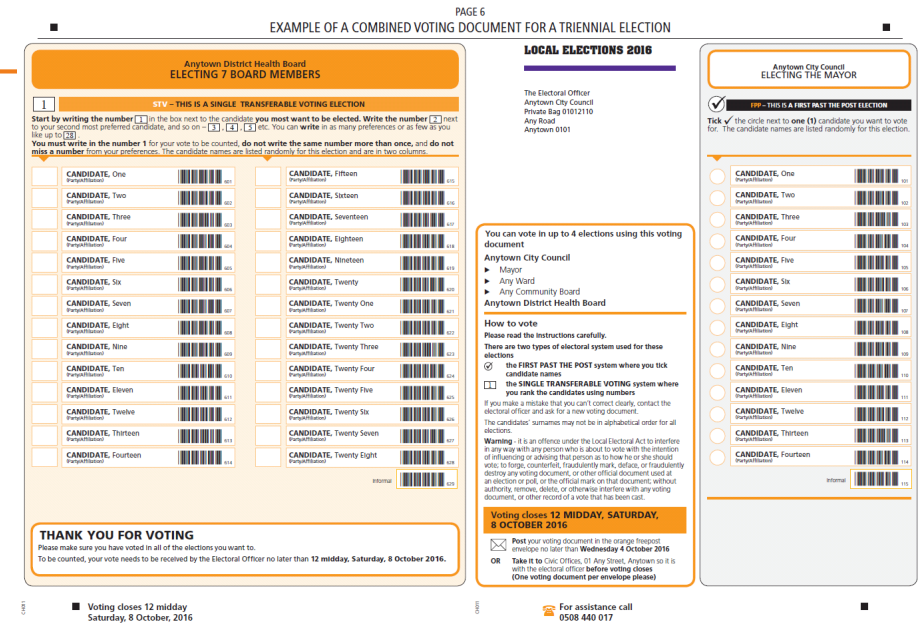
- available for public inspection from Friday 15 July to Friday 12 August
- at all libraries and the council offices
- includes the ratepayer elector roll

Final Electoral Roll:

- produced following the Electoral Commission update campaign
- is the roll used for issuing voting papers

Voting & Special Voting

- Mailed 16 – 21 September
- Combined Election Paper
- 1 Electoral system - FPP ✓
- Random order – all issues
- Pack includes Candidate Profile booklet
- Voting papers sent to electionz.com (Chch) for processing
- Special Voting available over Voting Period
- Early Processing - Electionz.com



Election Results

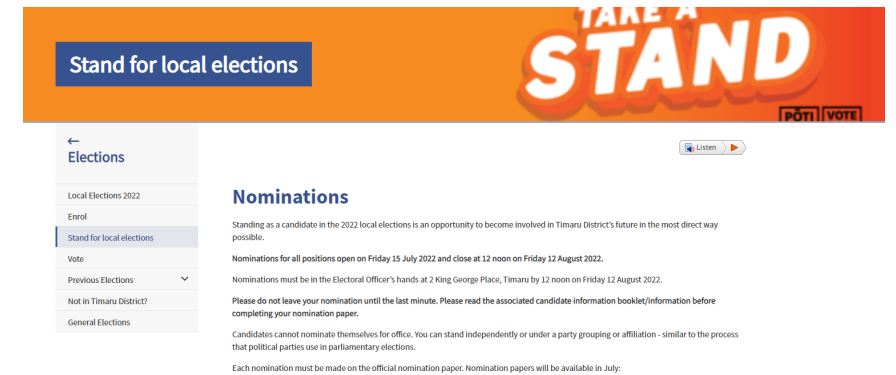
- Preliminary Count occurs from 12 noon, Saturday 8 October 2022
- Progress results expected early afternoon *(for Council/GLT/ECan - not special votes and votes in transit to processing centre)*
- Results available:
 - Council's website
 - e-mail to all candidates with e-mail address
 - front door of the Council office
- Preliminary results as soon as practicable after all ordinary votes have been processed
- Final results expected on mid/end week following Election day, after special votes have been processed

Coming Into Office

- All members for Council come into office on the day following the day on which the candidates are declared to be elected
- Successful candidates contacted by staff
- Council's inaugural meeting and the "swearing in" of Elected Members (elected candidates cannot act until this has occurred)
- Council Induction process for new elected members

Resources

- www.timaru.govt.nz/elections - Council's website (for electoral information, updates)
 - Timaru District Candidate Information Handbook
 - Local Government New Zealand: A Candidate's Guide to Local Government Elections
 - TDC Pre-Election Report (end of July)
- Electoral legislation (www.legislation.govt.nz)
- Elections staff
- Attend a governing body or local board meeting
- Read agendas and minutes from agencies
- Talk to an existing Councillor or Member
- Other websites:
 - <https://www.votelocal.co.nz/>
 - <https://www.lgnz.co.nz/local-government-in-nz/local-elections/vote2022/information-for-candidates/>



Stand for local elections

TAKE A STAND

PŌTI | VOTE

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Local Elections 2022

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Vote

Previous Elections

Not in Timaru District?

General Elections

Nominations

Standing as a candidate in the 2022 local elections is an opportunity to become involved in Timaru District's future in the most direct way possible.

Nominations for all positions open on Friday 15 July 2022 and close at 12 noon on Friday 12 August 2022.

Nominations must be in the Electoral Officer's hands at 2 King George Place, Timaru by 12 noon on Friday 12 August 2022.

Please do not leave your nomination until the last minute. Please read the associated candidate information booklet/information before completing your nomination paper.

Candidates cannot nominate themselves for office. You can stand independently or under a party grouping or affiliation - similar to the process that political parties use in parliamentary elections.

Each nomination must be made on the official nomination paper. Nomination papers will be available in July.

Last Word

Timetable	Be aware of critical dates
Standing	Ensure you qualify, including Members Interest Act
Nominations	Don't leave until the last minute. Don't be late!
Nominators	Ensure correctly on the roll in area you are standing
Candidate Profile Statements	Keep to the word limit
Election Advertising/Campaign material	Remember to include authorisations (NEW RULES)
Campaigning	Stick to promoting yourself
Election Signs	Keep to the rules
Election Donations and Expenses	Remain below the expense limits. Keep an accurate record for your return
Electoral Offences	Be aware of where you can cross the line.