

30 November 2023

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Ceasefire mural

Thank you for your request made under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act), received on 15 November. You requested the following information:

With reference to Mayor Whanau's recent Instagram post where she said she "directed council staff" to not remove a "Ceasefire Now" from a dedicated space for murals at Waitangi Park:

- *A copy of the directive issued by Mayor Whanau to council staff, including by job title which staff this was issued to (I don't need the actual names of any staff members)*
- *As per Wellington City Council's Code of Conduct for Elected Members, a copy of guidelines - if any - put in place by the Chief Executive with regards to contact directly with employees*

Mayor Whanau had an in-person conversation with Council's Chief Executive about the mural remaining. Following this agreement between the Mayor and Chief Executive, a further conversation was held with the Chief Executive and the Mayor's Chief of Staff. The Chief Executive then verbally requested the mural remain to the Chief Operating Officer on the basis the wall has been an accepted community graffiti art wall for many years. The Chief Operating Officer verbally issued the directive to the relevant staff. A copy of the directive cannot be provided under section 17(e) of the Act as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

The Code of Conduct for Elected Members is available on our website: [Code of Conduct for Elected Members \(wellington.govt.nz\)](https://www.wellington.govt.nz/code-of-conduct-for-elected-members) and section two refers to the relationship between elected members and Council staff.

Right of review

If you are not satisfied with the Council's response, you may request the Office of the Ombudsman to investigate the Council's decision. Further information is available on the Ombudsman website, www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Thank you again for your request, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards

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