Motukairangi/Eastern General Ward candidates

Aaron Gilmore

Candidate information for Aaron Gilmore, standing for Motukairangi/Eastern General Ward.

Standing for:  
Motukairangi/Eastern General Ward

Affiliation:  
Independent

Principal place of residence:  
Within the Motukairangi/Eastern General Ward area

## Candidate statement

88% of people surveyed by the Council aren't happy. We must do better. It is time for a change of Councillors.

We're facing an 80% increase in rates, trebling of debt, massive infrastructure deficits, transport delays, housing shortages, and an unsavoury central city, with the risks of living in a dynamic coastal environment. I will do better on these for you.

I chose to live and raise my family in this amazing part of NZ since marrying Christina a born and bred Wellingtonian of Greek descent.

I've run my Wellington business for 7 years. Previously, I was a MP for the National Party. I've a Master's Degree and plenty of proven experience working here and overseas.

I formerly volunteered at Wellington Zoo and my daughter's community creche committee. I'm also a keen kayaker, love my dogs and am sometimes allowed to play cricket, albeit badly.

Vote Gilmore 1. www.aarongilmore.nz

## Contact details

Contact details have been provided by candidates. Some candidates have chosen not to share some contact details.

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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | Email: [aaron.gilmore.nz@gmail.com](mailto:aaron.gilmore.nz@gmail.com)  Mobile phone: 027 210 3020 |  | |  |  |  Steph Edlin Candidate information for Steph Edlin, standing for Motukairangi/Eastern General Ward.  Standing for: Motukairangi/Eastern General Ward  Affiliation: Independent  Principal place of residence: Within the Motukairangi/Eastern General Ward area Candidate statement Steph Edlin - Your Independent, Common Sense, Candidate for Motu Kairangi/Eastern Ward.  You might remember me from the last local elections - and I'm back! I know a lot of us in the east are dissatisfied with a council that is incapable of making sensible decisions for our community. I think this needs to change. We need to forget the glamour projects and focus on the basics that Wellington desperately needs. My top priorities are: fixing our ageing infrastructure that has been ignored for decades, and sorting out congestion by improving our public transport and roading infrastructure. Wellington's top issue is undoubtedly our housing crisis, and that's why we need to fix our outdated infrastructure now, so that Wellington can continue to be home for generations to come.  Vote 1 for Steph Edlin to have your voice heard! Contact details Contact details have been provided by candidates. Some candidates have chosen not to share some contact details.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Email | [steph.edlin@gmail.com](mailto:steph.edlin@gmail.com) | | Mobile phone | 027 495 8371 |   Rob Goulden  Candidate information for Rob Goulden, standing for Motukairangi/Eastern General Ward.  Standing for: Motukairangi/Eastern General Ward  Affiliation: Independent  Principal place of residence: Within the Motukairangi/Eastern General Ward area  Candidate statement  I love Wellington and live in Miramar with my family, have a small business and also work in the transport industry. My interests are fishing, rugby and walking. I have plenty of work experience with Police, Military (here and overseas), Security and operations, hold a Master Degree in Business Administration & have served as a JP for 20 years.  The areas I want to focus on are:  Improve Public transport and infrastructure. Multiple transport choices.  Ensure Wellington is resilient and adaptable to the challenges of climate change, and other emergencies. An adequate supply of housing. Ensure the city is safe for people.  A strong economy, support local & attract new business to Wellington.  Ensure public spending is value driven. Stop wasteful spending. Maintain a pristine environment.  Ensure our democratic processes are fair, open and transparent. Ron.goulden@xtra.co.nz  Ph. 0274348751 Contact details Contact details have been provided by candidates. Some candidates have chosen not to share some contact details.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Email | [rob.goulden@xtra.co.nz](mailto:rob.goulden@xtra.co.nz) | | Mobile phone | 027 434 8751 | | Home phone | 04 388 6177 | |  |
| Sarah Free  Candidate information for Sarah Free, standing for Motukairangi/Eastern General Ward.  Standing for: Motukairangi/Eastern General Ward  Affiliation: Independent  Principal place of residence: Within the Motukairangi/Eastern General Ward area Candidate statement As Deputy Mayor, I've worked constructively with others through difficult times.  Despite challenges, we're delivering an unprecedented programme to fix broken pipes and important buildings, upgrade community facilities, and find transport and housing solutions as our city grows.  My priorities remain:  Transport: new tunnel and bus lanes for efficient bus and car journeys for the East; safer walking/cycling connections; greener suburban streets.  Resilience: Fixing the pipes. Seawalls and other solutions to respond to climate change; warm, dry housing; sensible earthquake strengthening; pest-predator free initiatives; sludge treatment to reduce waste to landfill.  Community: supporting local businesses and communities; activities for all ages; a safe and vibrant CBD.  I'm known as an experienced, capable councillor who listens. As an Independent, I will make practical, pragmatic decisions to best serve our ward and the entire city.  I have an engineering degree and Masters in Public Health. Please support me with your first preference. Contact details Contact details have been provided by candidates. Some candidates have chosen not to share some contact details.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Email | [sarah.free@actrix.co.nz](mailto:sarah.free@actrix.co.nz) | | Mobile phone | 022 121 6412 |   Luana Scowcroft  Candidate information for Luana Scowcroft, standing for Motukairangi/Eastern General Ward.  Standing for: Motukairangi/Eastern General Ward  Affiliation: Green  Principal place of residence: Within the Motukairangi/Eastern General Ward area Candidate statement Kia ora! I am a proud mum, feminist, and Hataitai local, raised in the Cook Islands. I love this city with a passion and want to do what I can to help it thrive.  I want to see a Wellington City Council that puts people first. That comes together with communities to house our most vulnerable. That invests in infrastructure that serves the needs of tomorrow, as well as today, and that works to make our city safe and accessible for everyone to enjoy.  As a City Councillor I won't shy away from the tough calls we need to make to thrive well into the future. To do this, I'll apply a climate and Te Tiriti lens to every decision.  We've seen a disconnect between Councillors and staff at Council, and it's our communities who suffer as a result. I'll work to rebuild these relationships and deliver for Wellington. Contact details Contact details have been provided by candidates. Some candidates have chosen not to share some contact details.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Email | [kiaora@luanascowcroft.co.nz](mailto:kiaora@luanascowcroft.co.nz) |   Ken Ah Kuoi  Candidate information for Ken Ah Kuoi, standing for Motukairangi/Eastern General Ward.  Standing for: Motukairangi/Eastern General Ward  Affiliation: Independent  Principal place of residence: Within the Motukairangi/Eastern General Ward area Candidate statement I'm standing for election as a Councillor for Motukairangi-Eastern Ward as an Independent candidate. My principal place of residence is within the Eastern Ward area. For a healthy, active and safe community, vote Ken Ah Kuoi #1. My work as a lawyer, educator, and volunteer sports administrator has taught me the value of sports and recreation in building healthy families and people. Our home, Motukairangi-Eastern suburbs is Wellington's heartbeat. Our extensive beaches, sports facilities and recreation centres offer all Wellingtonians the opportunity to live a better life. A healthy community needs safe streets, reliable public transport and accessible recreation facilities, where all sports, age groups and abilities are welcome. These values must be reflected on our Council. Vote Ken Ah Kuoi #1 for Motukairangi-Eastern Ward today. Contact details Contact details have been provided by candidates. Some candidates have chosen not to share some contact details.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Email | [ken@ahkuoilaw.nz](mailto:ken@ahkuoilaw.nz) | | Mobile phone | 027 307 9858 |   Tim Brown  Candidate information for Tim Brown, standing for Motukairangi/Eastern General Ward.  Standing for: Motukairangi/Eastern General Ward  Affiliation: —  Principal place of residence: Not Within the Motukairangi/Eastern General Ward area Candidate statement I've had a successful career in business and community activities: I've chaired Wellington Airport, Wellington Hockey, and the Trust that produces CubaDupa. Now I want to serve our City in a different way, by trying to make Council better serve the people and communities of Motukairangi Eastern ward and wider Wellington.  Council isn't working for many Wellingtonians. Too much spending on 'nice-to-haves' instead of housing, public transport, and water.  We have unaffordable housing for first-time buyers and renters. Less social housing stock despite more people being in need.  Motukairangi has some of New Zealand's worst road congestion, inadequate bus services, and even the harbour-side cycle way has gaps.  Council rates rose 29% this term and 35% uplift is projected for the next three years. Council debt is to hit $1,850 million from $543 million in 2019.  I think I could make a positive difference if you elect me. Contact details Contact details have been provided by candidates. Some candidates have chosen not to share some contact details.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Email | [Tim@TimBrownWCC.NZ](mailto:Tim@TimBrownWCC.NZ) | | Mobile phone | 027 441 5460 |  Teri O'Neill Candidate information for Teri O'Neill, standing for Motukairangi/Eastern General Ward.  Standing for: Motukairangi/Eastern General Ward  Affiliation: Labour  Principal place of residence: Within the Motukairangi/Eastern General Ward area Candidate statement The Eastern Ward, Motukairangi is my home, and home to my family.  Three years ago, I was honoured to be elected to represent and serve our community.  I'm proud of our victories: doubling our Predator Free Wellington budget, supporting people experiencing homelessness, investing in water infrastructure to fix leaks and pipes, and fully funding the Strathmore Community Centre and Hue-te-para Lyall Bay park upgrades.  During the COVID-19 lockdowns I worked locally alongside social workers to deliver vaccines and kai (food) to people within our community.  Going forward, the Council needs not only to make change happen, but to change the way it works with local businesses, artists, youth, families, and vulnerable communities. It needs to rebuild trust.  Together we must deliver safe and accessible transport infrastructure, an accelerated response to climate change with more warm, dry affordable homes so that we can all continue to call Motukairangi our home. Contact details Contact details have been provided by candidates. 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Nathan Meyer

Candidate information for Nathan Meyer, standing for Motukairangi/Eastern General Ward.

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## Candidate statement

I have lived in the Eastern suburbs for over 20 years and have a background in hospitality. In 2004, I started Carrello del Gelato which I grew into a business selling across New Zealand and exporting to Singapore. Having sold that business earlier this year, I now have time to stand for the Council.

I have served for six years on the Miramar Central School Board, looking after the property and finance portfolios. One of the highlights was arranging funding and construction of the bike track.

I don't believe that Wellington is currently living up to its full potential. If elected, I would look to focus on keeping rates under control, reviewing spending to ensure no wastage of money or resources, and on core council services with an emphasis on fixing infrastructure.

I believe the community voice is important and the consultation process should not be a box ticking exercise.

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Atul Prema

Candidate information for Atul Prema, standing for Motukairangi/Eastern General Ward.

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## Candidate statement

Due to a change of personal circumstances and for family reasons I am no longer standing as a candidate. Please do not vote for me.

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