Wharangi/Onslow-Western General Ward candidates

Lachlan Patterson

Candidate information for Lachlan Patterson, standing for Wharangi/Onslow-Western General Ward.

Standing for:  
Wharangi/Onslow-Western General Ward

Affiliation:  
Green

Principal place of residence:  
Within the Wharangi/Onslow-Western General Ward area

## Candidate statement

We can have a city that's affordable, liveable, and sustainable for all who call Wellington home.

Previous Councils have let us down. They've prioritised property speculators and entrenched interests ahead of our communities, nature, and the future of Wellington. The impact is a stagnant and unaffordable city that isn't working for any of us. We need change.

I'm ready to bring a fresh approach, new ideas, and consensus building to the table.

I've campaigned for action on housing, transport, and climate change, and now I want to take it to the next step.

My priorities are to ensure affordable, quality, and accessible homes for all; deliver safe and moving streets; and create a zero waste, predator free city that takes care of nature.

With your vote, we can deliver a liveable, sustainable, and affordable city- with a Council working in the interests of today's residents, future generations, and our environment.

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Affiliation:  
Labour

Principal place of residence:  
Within the Wharangi/Onslow-Western General Ward area

## Candidate statement

As a current City Councillor I offer experience and proven commitment on the issues important to Wellingtonians. As a renter in Ngaio, a mum, and a public transport user, I'm motivated to make sustainable long-term decisions for our city.

In my first term I advocated for better housing and transport options, scrapped overdue library fines to make our libraries fairer, and supported locals to get things done.

Decades of neglect have led to crumbling water pipes, a housing crisis, and inadequate transport. We can't leave these issues to our grandchildren to fix.

The time is now to act and protect our city's future for everyone.

In a second term, let's boost the number of homes built in Wellington, improve our public transport system, fix our water infrastructure, continue to take action on climate change and ensure our libraries, pools, and parks get regular upgrades.

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Barbara McKenzie

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Standing for:  
Wharangi/Onslow-Western General Ward

**Also standing for:**

Mayor

Affiliation:  
Independent

Principal place of residence:  
Within the Wharangi/Onslow-Western General Ward area

## Candidate statement

I want to be part of a Council whose members treat each other - and the public - with respect, one that places a high value on democracy and transparency, and is committed to meeting the needs and expectations of Wellingtonians. One that respects the environment and values which made Wellington a great city to live in.

Council needs to prioritise funding and delivering on the core services, whether it be water services, public transport, housing, roading infrastructure, or major projects. Council should proceed more cautiously, consult more widely, and be more transparent before implementing projects outside core services. Such projects include cycleways and other steps towards a car- free city, expanding the city's reserves at the expense of private property, and changing the electoral system in order to establish co-governance.

Only 12% of Wellingtonians are satisfied with the Council's performance. It is time to listen to the 88%.

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Ray Chung

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Wharangi/Onslow-Western General Ward

**Also standing for:**

Mayor

Affiliation:  
Independent

Principal place of residence:  
Within the Wharangi/Onslow-Western General Ward area

## Candidate statement

Wellington has major infrastructure issues. Addressing these must be top of mind. The local economy must be grown by supporting business and making Wellington a more attractive place to live.

We need to protect Onslow-Western's natural appeal. Many of us need housing, yet many like the suburbs as they are. There is new land to build on. We should use it.

I'm a born and bred Wellingtonian with extensive business experience. I will ensure Wellington is business friendly and culturally vibrant, without pipes sporadically bursting in the streets.

I will focus on the best interests of Wellington ratepayers, not ideology. That includes avoiding unnecessary bureaucracy and cost through Three Waters or spending big on bike lanes.

I've lived in Onslow-Western for 38 years and helped establish the Onslow Residents' Association in 2017. I'm an avid volunteer for the SPCA, WFA, Animal Services and other charities.

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Standing for:  
Wharangi/Onslow-Western General Ward

Affiliation:  
Independent

Principal place of residence:  
Within the Wharangi/Onslow-Western General Ward area

## Candidate statement

For six years I've been your local city councillor. I'm asking for your #1 vote to keep me working hard for you, for communities, for businesses, the arts and the environment.

My mission is that Council does the basics well - pipes, paths, parks, and utilities. That we spend your money responsibly and we build a better city.

Community involvement is important to me so that - your voice is heard, we work together, we build connected neighbourhoods and there's housing for all.

I'm strong but pragmatic. With you, I saved Khandallah Pool, I've worked on improving Ian Galloway Park, and I'm pushing for key infrastructure improvements in Karori. It's also time vibrancy and pride is restored to the central city!

I love Wellington, my family is here, including two grandchildren. You have my commitment to Wellington becoming the world's most liveable 'Big-Small' city for everyone, now and into the future. www.dianecalvert.nz

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Kush Bhargava

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Standing for:  
Wharangi/Onslow-Western General Ward

Affiliation:  
Independent

Principal place of residence:  
Not Within the Wharangi/Onslow-Western General Ward area

## Candidate statement

Kush Bhargava, 47, Family Man, Wife, and 2 Daughters university and college. Business Owner and Community Worker.

Wellington region has been our home for 18 years. Naturopath authored 22 books. Previous experience CEO of New Zealand Energy Forum, Advisor to Govt. organization.

Since 2010, building the highest certified affordable Eco Green Homes and now Carbon Negative Homes.

Last 3 years developing Eco Green Home in Crofton Downs.

I am confident and qualified to use my international Green Procurement and carbon management experience to reduce Council’s expenditure and make Wellington Carbon Neutral city. I support transparency and accountability from local government.

I have a commitment to implementing policies and reducing the cost of land to reasonable levels, especially for first-home buyers. I believe everyone should have affordable GreenHomes.

I support lower public transport fares, investment in infrastructure, action on carbon change and safety.

I commit to representing diversity in your council.

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Bob Mason

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Standing for:  
Wharangi/Onslow-Western General Ward

Affiliation:  
TOP (The Opportunities Party)

Principal place of residence:  
Within the Wharangi/Onslow-Western General Ward area

## Candidate statement

Are you tired of a dysfunctional council that is unable to resolve the challenges facing Wellington? Do you want a new voice for our ward, untainted by the politics of established parties?

I've proudly called this wonderful city my home for almost 20 years. As a dad and a teacher at Wellington College for the past decade, I'm responsible for educating the next generation, and care deeply about Wellington's future.

The skills required in my profession - clear and honest communication, integrity, and an ability to get things done well and on time - underline my credentials.

As a candidate endorsed by TOP (The Opportunities Party), I support our policies which will end the housing and infrastructure crisis in Wellington, so that all residents, renters and homeowners alike, can have a fair go.

Please vote for me so we can restore Wellington to the vibrant city it should be.

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Alexander Garside

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Wharangi/Onslow-Western General Ward

Affiliation:  
Independent

Principal place of residence:  
Not Within the Wharangi/Onslow-Western General Ward area

## Candidate statement

Wellington should be for everyone. Our city and suburbs can be affordable, sustainable, and accessible, if we embrace density throughout our spaces. Cycleways are just one component of our transition away from simultaneous isolation and gridlock. I will lower restrictions on commerce in residential areas, run a pilot leasehold scheme for moveable homes, and work with the GWRC to enable public transport expansion. Population growth opens doors for our economy, and we should embrace as many people as we can, as wisely as we can.

I'm a motorcycle courier, so I have some understanding of service delivery in our diverse geography. I lead a walking group, do community theatre, and work as an event photographer. I've been fortunate to grow up surrounded by our forested hills and hope to allow others to do the same.

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Kelvin Hastie

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Wharangi/Onslow-Western General Ward

**Also standing for:**

Mayor

Affiliation:  
Future Wellington

Principal place of residence:  
Within the Wharangi/Onslow-Western General Ward area

## Candidate statement

It's an incredible privilege to be running for councillor.

I'm best known for my work on Predator Free Wellington after creating New Zealand's first Predator Free Community. The campaign was supported by 99% of residents in a council survey, and now Wellington City is the only capital in the world with increasing biodiversity.

It is with this knowledge and experience, combined with my work on some of the largest infrastructure projects in the southern hemisphere, that makes me ready to take this city forward in the face of many challenges.

I have a background in housing and architecture, climate change, land use, and transportation projects as well as in the music and the entertainment industry. But most of all, I have achieved something transformative for all of Aotearoa.

As city councillor, it is my promise to serve in the best interests of our great city and all that live here.

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Ryan Bothma

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Wharangi/Onslow-Western General Ward

Affiliation:  
Independent

Principal place of residence:  
Within the Wharangi/Onslow-Western General Ward area

## Candidate statement

Wellington needs fresh, experienced people to step up and make changes at the council.

I'm a professional firefighter, so I understand the importance of good infrastructure. I've seen how families suffer when preventable disasters like burst pipes or slips affect their lives. Infrastructure investment must become a council priority. We need to roll up our sleeves and get it sorted for current and future generations.

The council also needs to get smarter with its budget, whether that's investing in social facilities, infrastructure, or people and communities. We can only spend our rates dollar once, and it must be carefully considered.

I live in Karori with my partner and our two children; we love the community spirit of the western suburbs. People are having a tough time now and they need councillors more in tune with their everyday needs.

I'm ready for the challenge of representing you. Please rank me #1.

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Affiliation:  
Independent

Principal place of residence:  
Within the Wharangi/Onslow-Western General Ward area

## Candidate statement

I seek election because I believe I can bring a strong, well informed, community perspective to council. Strong communities are at the heart of great cities, creating a sense of shared belonging and opportunity. The Council needs people with a genuine concern for our city and its people, and a desire to make it a great place to live and work.

I have long been committed to serving the community in Wellington. I am currently the chair of the Karori Community Centre, a member of the Karori Business Association and the Karori Community Hall Trust. I have previously been a member of the Karori Brooklyn Community Charitable Trust, and was the Chair of the Karori Normal School Board of Trustees, Campbell Kindergarten and the Karori Plunket Creche. These have all been voluntary roles, reflecting my deep interest and commitment to my community.

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